

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 1

What's On at BDPS?

<u>Calendar Term 1, 2022</u>	
Monday January 31	Students Return for 2022
Wednesday Feb 2, 9, 23	Prep Rest Days
Friday February 11	Meet & Greet Picnic Lunch Student Induction Ceremony
Wednesday February 16	School Council Meeting 7pm
Thursday February 17	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Monday February 21	Mallee Divisional Swimming
Friday March 4	Gr 3-6 Summer Sports – Swan Hill P-2 Fun Day – Nyah District PS
Monday March 7	Student / Teacher Conferences
Monday March 14	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday March 16	School Council AGM (7.00pm) School Council Meeting (7.30pm)
Friday April 8	Term 1 Ends
<u>Term 2, 2022</u>	
Monday April 25	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Tuesday April 26	Term 2 Begins

A reminder that all students must have a broad-brimmed school hat and wear it when outside in Term 1.

All students must have a Drink Bottle that stays at school



Welcome to 2022!

Welcome to all returning students and their families to the new school year. A special welcome to our seven new Prep students. We also welcome Bailee (Grade 3) who has moved to Beverford from Swan Hill.

Staff have been busy planning a differentiated curriculum that will cater for all individuals, giving all students the best possible opportunity to succeed.

The classrooms look fantastic and electronic Promethean Boards were installed during the holidays in each classroom.

Our playground is currently being updated, which is very exciting. Major works including construction, installation and landscaping are expected to be ongoing for the first month of school. Students are eagerly keeping an eye on the developments.

Principal's Report

Back to School at BDPS!

Day 1 of 2022 has ran very smoothly. I would like to take this opportunity to again welcome the whole school community back to the 2022 School year. It is an exciting time at Beverford District Primary School with growing enrolments.

In staffing news, we welcome Chloe Wren to the school. Miss Wren brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our team, with multiple years of teaching experience in a small school. We are so very lucky to have such a highly skilled and child-focused staff.

Thank you to Demi Salau (Senior Classroom), Chloe Wren (Middle Classroom) and Kristy Summerhayes (Junior Classroom) who have worked tirelessly over the holidays planning an inclusive, differentiated and engaging curriculum to teach the students in Term 1. The classrooms look great and we are all looking forward to working closely with all families this year.

We start the school year with 32 students, but have our fingers crossed that this will grow throughout the year. During Literacy and Numeracy the school will be ran in three classrooms with 8 students in the P/1 classroom, 8 students in the 2-4 room and 16 students in the 5/6 class. The school will run in two classrooms for specialist subjects that are delivered after lunch.

Thank you to everyone for following the COVID regulations. Our Grade 3-6 students must wear a mask inside and students over 8 years of age must wear a mask on the bus. Please supply your child with a mask, the school only has a very limited supply of disposable masks.

It is recommended that students are tested twice weekly with the rapid antigen tests supplied. Testing should also occur if your child presents with any symptoms. Please inform the school if there is a positive result and isolate for seven days. The school community will then be informed that someone has tested positive.

If you are available to help out in the classrooms, listen to reading, assist with lunch orders or anything that would help, please let me know by the end of Week 2. Having parents in classrooms and volunteering around the school is currently on hold but will be re-assessed by the Department of Education after week 4. We will be having a Lunchtime Meet and Greet Picnic next Friday February 11.

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.

The MARC Van with Mrs Leahy will visit the school at a new timeslot of 11.00am to 3.20pm on Wednesday beginning in Week 2. The Swan Hill Mobile Library will visit the school fortnightly on a Tuesday starting next week.

This year we will have our weekly assembly on Friday afternoons at 3.00pm in the Lounge. We will let families know when they can attend assemblies.

The newsletter will be sent home fortnightly on a Wednesday, but on a Tuesday while prep students are having their rest days early in the year.

Thanks, Phil



The Junior Room (Gr P-2) pictured with Mrs Summerhayes on their first day back.

School Uniform

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. We are currently organising our special Grade 6 shirts, they will be the same design as those worn last year.

Homework

The Homework Program is an important part of school at Beverford. All students are encouraged to read every night and have their reading diary signed at least 3 or 4 times a week by an adult.

All students from Grade 2-6 will have spelling homework each week to be completed in their Homework book or Spelling Booklet. Spelling is sent out on Monday and returned on the Friday.

Students in Grade 3 – 6 will also complete a Maths Mate Sheet that will be sent home on Friday and returned on the following Friday.

To support students who may struggle to find time at home to complete their homework we will be running a Homework Club on Wednesday at lunchtime starting in Week 2. Homework will begin in Week 2 of every term.

Students will have a blue-labelled homework bag that needs to be brought to school every day. This will contain readers, their reading diary, the homework book and any other communication between home and school such as notes and newsletters.

School Council

The first School Council meeting for this year is on Wednesday February 16 for the existing School Council. The Annual General Meeting and organisation of the new Council is on March 16. If you are not currently on School Council or new to the school please seriously consider nominating. It is a great way to have a voice in key decisions around the running of the school. More information will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Swimming Sports

Any students who are interested in Swimming in the Mallee Divisional Swimming Sports on Monday February 21, need to contact the school by Monday February 7. Students turning 10 years and above this year are eligible. Events are 50 metres in all strokes.

Meet & Greet Picnic & Induction Ceremony

A casual Meet & Greet Picnic has been organised for next Friday February 11. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to drop in have lunch, meet the staff and other families and also have a look around the school. It will run from 12.45pm to 2.00pm.

Our 2022 Student Leaders will be inducted and presented with their badges at 12.45pm.

Parents are encouraged to bring something to eat as a family such as sandwiches from home, subway or a sausage roll from the bakery. If you have a picnic blanket pop that in. Students will prepare fruit salad to be shared with everyone who attends.

Art Smock

If your child does not have an Art Smock at school, could you please organise one to be sent in. The Smock might simply be an old large shirt that would cover the entire school uniform.

Asthma & Allergy Plans

If your child has an allergy or asthma, a plan from the doctor is required to be at school. These are to be updated every 12 months. If you have any questions about this please, contact me.



The Middle Room (Gr 2-4) are pictured with Miss Wren on their first day of school.

Scholastic Book Club

Please find a Book Club catalogue attached to the newsletter. Orders are due by Wednesday February 16. The preferred method of payment is online and is explained in the catalogue. It is up to families whether they choose to purchase from Book Club, there is no pressure or expectation from school.

Bus Application Forms for 2022

All bus travelers will need to fill in the attached 2022 Application Form. Please return to school by Monday February 7. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Fruit & Vegie Brain Break

Each morning during the two hour Literacy block, students will be given the opportunity to eat some fresh fruit or vegetables known as brain food. This is a healthy way to keep the students focused and on task for the whole morning. If you have any fruit trees or extra fruit at your house, you are welcome to send it in to share with the school.



Communication

Education is a partnership between home and school. The stronger that partnership is, the more likely your child is to succeed in all areas of their schooling.

If you have any questions or queries, we have an open door policy. I encourage you to contact Kristy, Chloe, Demi or myself when needed.

We will be conducting Student Conferences in Week 6 on Monday March 7. This will be a formalized opportunity to discuss your child's educational needs with your teacher.

A key form of communication will be the Seesaw program. Seesaw is an App that can be used on a Smart phone or computer to enable parents and teachers to communicate. It is a wonderful way for us to share your students work and send messages. If you need assistance logging on please contact your teacher.



The Senior Room (Gr 5/6) pictured with Miss Salau on their first day back.

Intervention Program & Wellbeing Coordination

Miss Danielle Pretty will continue her very successful reading intervention program during Term 1. This will take place on Monday and Wednesday starting next week.

With funding secured through the MHiPS Pilot Program (Mental Health in Primary School Program) Kaiti Blackmore will coordinate Student Wellbeing across the school. Kaiti will be at school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

NOTICE FROM SCHOOL SPORTS VICTORIA

School Sport Victoria (SSV)



State Team Trials AFL Football, Netball, Football (Soccer) and Basketball.

Students who turn 10, 11 or 12 in 2022 have the opportunity to register to trial for the State SSV teams for 2022. The trials are held in Swan Hill in April/May 2022. (Trials dates are listed on the Mallee Division website, all held between 4.00-5.00pm at local venues)

Important information

1. Main Sports are AFL Football, Netball, Football (Soccer) and Basketball.
2. Students can register for Hockey, Triathlon and Volleyball trials, but these trials are not held in Swan Hill.
3. **Students need to be 'talented' at their chosen sports.** These trials are not come and try events.
4. Online Registrations on the SSV State Website. <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au> opened Wednesday, 1st December 2021 and close Tuesday 1st March 2022. (no late entries accepted after that date) There is a one off fee per sport which is non-refundable.
5. A student can register for more than one sport but would have to pay a fee for each sport they select.
6. Each school can register up to 3 children to trial for a particular sport. If there are more than 3 who register then schools must do their own trial before the division level.
7. Students must get their Principal and the School Sports Rep Permission to trial.
8. If they are selected to progress from the Swan Hill trials, students then move on to trial against students from across the Loddon Mallee Region. There are quite a few levels of trials before the final teams are selected.
9. For further information please contact your local school, SSV Website or contact your District and Division Coordinators.

Tim Croft (Mallee Division Coordinator)



The BDPS playground update has begun.