

# Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 2



## What's On at BDPS?

<u>Calendar Term 1, 2019</u>	
Wednesday, February 6	<b>Meet &amp; Greet Picnic Lunch (12.30pm – 2.00pm)</b>
Thursday, February 7	Grade 4-6 SAFE online use workshop
Monday, February 18	Book Club orders due
Wednesday, February 20	School Council Meeting (7.00pm)
Monday & Tuesday March 4 & 5	Student / Teacher Conferences (3.30pm – 5.00pm)
Friday, March 15	District Summer Sports in Swan Hill
Wednesday March 20	School Council AGM (7.00pm) School Council Meeting (7.30pm)
Monday, March 25	KABOOM Tabloid Sports at SHPS
Friday, April 5	Term 1 Ends

### Mallee Divisional Swimming

If your child is a competitive swimmer, you may like them to compete at the Mallee Divisional Swimming Finals on Monday February 25 representing the school and the Swan Hill District Cluster. Students must be 9 or older and be excellent 50-metre swimmers. If you believe, your child should compete in one or more events please contact me by Monday February 11.

**LUNCH ORDERS BEGIN THIS FRIDAY**

**TERM 1 MENU ATTACHED**

***Please send in the correct money total***

## Great Start to 2019!

The start to the year could not have gone smoother. Everyone has settled in very well and quickly knuckled down to learning.

The Flying Start Program implemented by the teachers from Wednesday to Friday was very popular with the students and allowed the rules and routines for the year to be developed collaboratively.

There is a real community feel around the school and there has been many discussions about being 'inclusive' and that is a focus at the school for the first few weeks.

We had our first assembly on Monday morning, with our very first student of the week awards and Principal award being handed out.

# Principal's Report

## *Meet & Greet at BDPS!*

Today was a huge success with a large crowd attending the Meet & Greet Picnic. We thank everyone who was able to pop out, have a look around and have a chat to the staff at our wonderful school. It is great to do this informally at the beginning of the year. Education is fostered by a positive relationship between home and school. Cindy, Abbey and myself are looking forward to working closely with you all throughout 2019!

If you were unable to attend today's picnic, we completely understand but, I encourage you to pop into school early in the year if you get an opportunity to have a casual chat with your child's teacher and to check out the classrooms and working environment.

A reminder 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 this week. We are especially looking for adults interested in listening to students read in the mornings.

Reading is a focus area this term. We would really appreciate if you can listen to your child read aloud regularly. Please sign the reading diary to ensure your child's teacher knows that this reading is taking place.

We will be doing a bulk uniform order on Friday, thanks to those families who have notified us of their uniform needs. Orders will be accepted tomorrow and Friday morning for those who have not notified the school of their needs.

Students have been involved in Literacy assessments and testing over the past week and this will assist teachers to plan 'at the point of need' teaching. It will also allow us to map the growth of students and report accurately on their achievements. Students will be bringing levelled texts home and regular running records on reading taken by the teachers will accelerate reading progress and decide whether a student goes up a level.

We will be having a short assembly every Monday morning at 9.00am where we will celebrate our achievements and communicate what is happening during the week. Parents are welcome to attend. This week we congratulate the following students on their awards.

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

Darcy McNees

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

Kiara Howard

### **Principal Award**

Ella Thomas-Faasee

Enjoy your Week,  
Thanks, Phil



*Students of the Week: Darcy & Kiara*

## **Homework**

The changes to homework this year were covered in last week's newsletter and explained to students again this week. The students are very positive towards this, which is pleasing.

A recap of expectations are as follows: 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 will have spelling homework each week to be completed in their homework book. A new weekly word list will be practiced at home by choosing 3 or more activities from a spelling matrix stuck in the book. These will be handed in on Fridays.

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 Thursday at lunchtime starting tomorrow. Students who have not read much at home will use this time to read.

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



*Principal Award Winner: Ella*

## **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.

## **Scholastic Book Club**

The Book Club catalogue was sent home last week, a reminder that orders are due by February 18. Cheques are to be made out to the school and not the Scholastic Company. The preferred method of payment is online and is explained in the catalogue.

## **Lunch Orders**

Please find the Term 1 Menu and Price List attached. We thank Loretta and Sophie for coordinating this again and plead for anyone else who may be able to help out to contact me at the school. Please send in the correct money with the lunch order(s) on brown paper bag(s). Senior students will be collating the orders in the morning and then notifying Loretta and Sophie.

## School Sport Victoria Primary State Team Selection

Have you got a **highly** skilled student who would like to trial to be part of School Sport Victoria's State teams in one or more of these sports. Football (Soccer), Football (AFL), Netball or Basketball. Students can try out in cricket, softball or rugby but this is done by individual nomination directly to SSV Melbourne.

### **INFORMATION**

1 Participants would have to be **highly** skilled (selected for rep sides or playing up in higher age groups).

2 They must be turning 10, 11 or 12 years of age in 2019 (younger and older students cannot nominate).

3 Parents would need to get students to the trials in Swan Hill which are after school events held in early Term 2. Trial dates and times are on the Mallee Division <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/oddon-mallee-primary/mallee-primary>.

4 If selected to progress to the next level after Swan Hill, parents would then have to be prepared to travel to Melbourne for a further trial/s. (this would be done at the family's own expense)

5 To get further understanding this process, parents need to go to [www.ssv.edu.au/team-vic](http://www.ssv.edu.au/team-vic) to register and pay a one off fee. Registrations close towards end of February so don't delay if you are interested.

Any other questions please feel free to contact your school.

**Tim Croft Mallee Division Coordinator**

## School Nurse Visit

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on February 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. The purpose of this visit is to undertake health assessments and discuss health concerns that parents and/or teachers may have with their children/students.

**Prep Health Assessments:** All parents of prep grade children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school before February 14<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**Referrals (All Grades):** 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 14<sup>th</sup> 2019. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.



Flying Start fun "Minute to Win It" activities



