

# Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 2



## What's On at BDPS?

<u>Calendar Term 1, 2022</u>	
Wednesday Feb 9	Prep Rest Day 2
Friday February 11	<b>Meet &amp; Greet Picnic Lunch</b> Student Induction Ceremony (12.45pm)
Wednesday February 16	Bookclub due Prep's to attend school School Council Meeting 7pm
Thursday February 17	<b>Pupil Free Day</b> Prep Rest Day 3
Monday February 21	Mallee Divisional Swimming
Wednesday February 23	Final Rest Day
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	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
Wednesday March 16	School Council AGM (7.00pm) School Council Meeting (7.30pm)
Friday April 8	<b>Term 1 Ends</b>
<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*

## JSC Elected

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to the Junior School Council for 2022:

Ella Thomas (President), Darcy McNees, Tayla Boulton, Tillie Shadbolt, Zac Whimpress, Indie Clarke, Angus Whimpress, Lawson Moloney and Knox Smith.

The students in the Grade 5/6 classroom and Grade 2-4 classroom made speeches in front of their peers. Classmates then voted and two students from both classes were elected. The School Captains are automatically on the JSC.

In the Grade P/1 students volunteered and the names were drawn from the hat.

We look forward to seeing our Junior School Councilors receive their badges on Friday.



# Principal's Report

## **Great start to 2022 at BDPS!**

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

Well done to the staff and students who have been conducting **literacy and numeracy testing** early in the year to ensure we are teaching at the 'point of need'. This testing will continue for the next week or so and will assist teachers with benchmarking the growth students have made throughout Semester 1 and the entire year.

The school will be entering cricket and a softball teams into the **District Summer Sports** on Friday 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 Nyah District Primary School on that day also. This will be held at the Son Centre School and be attended by Nyah District, Lake Boga, Woorinen District, Ultima and Son Centre students.

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 or a household contact and isolate for seven days. The school community will then be informed that someone has tested positive.

All notifications about positive COVID cases at school will be communicated on the **Seesaw App**. If you have not signed up please contact the school for assistance.

A reminder to **School Councilors** that we have a meeting next Wednesday February 16 at 7pm. Please inform the school if you are an apology.

A reminder to parents that next Thursday February 17 is a **Pupil Free Day** for BDPS. This will be the Prep Rest Day for Week 3, with Prep students attending school on Wednesday February 16 instead. Staff will be attending professional development with other Swan Hill District Schools on this day and will be off campus for the day.

Please label your child's school uniform, lunch boxes and drink bottle.

We congratulate the following students on their awards, presented at assembly on Friday.

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

W1: Byron Rodwell

### **Middle Student of the Week**

W1: Oscar O'Bree

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

W1: Lilly Thompson

### **Principal Award**

W1: Bailee Riordan

Enjoy your Week,  
Thanks, Phil



*Principal Award Winner for Week 1 – Bailee Riordan*



### Change of Details

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 needs to give the School a copy of their Asthma Plan and students that require an EpiPen need to make sure the School has been provided with one in date.

### School Wide Positive Behaviour

The school has continued on its journey of implementing the School Wide Positive Behaviour Program this term.

Students and staff have re-visited the positive behaviour matrix which is in line with the school values of respect, responsibility and resilience. These values were developed during the School Review in 2019.

Teachers have been explicitly teaching the school values in our Wellbeing and Inquiry timetabled lessons. The focus at the moment is centred on the value of respect. We have a common language around our values and this is a great tool to ensure we maintain our wonderfully safe and supportive learning community.

The rewards system for demonstrating the values begins next week and this includes the coloured wrist bands displaying the values.

### School Council

The first School Council meeting for this year is on next **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.

### Bus Application Forms for 2022

A 2022 Bus Travel Application Form was sent home last week. If you have not already filled in the form, please do so and return to school.

### Meet & Greet Picnic & Induction Ceremony

A casual Meet & Greet Picnic has been organised for this **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 12.30pm 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.



*Congratulations to our Week 1 Student of the Week Award Winners: Oscar, Byron & Lilly*

### Annual Privacy Statement Reminder 2022

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the **Schools' Privacy Policy**. Please take the time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice and privacy policy, found on the school website. <https://www.beverfordps.vic.edu.au/policies.html> If you have any questions about these, please contact me at school.

### Fortnightly Newsletters

Our newsletters will now be sent out fortnightly. The next newsletter will be in Week 4.



### Divisional 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 Friday February 11. Students turning 10 years and above this year are eligible. Events are 50 metres in all strokes.

### Town Bus Stops

The Swan Hill College **Bus Exchange** is the only morning pick up (8.00am) arrive by 7.55am and afternoon drop off (4.05pm) in town. However, if your child is attending **After School Care** at Swan Hill Primary School, they are able to be dropped off there in the afternoon.

Please ensure you park in Pye Street at the front of the College or High Street near the netball courts when attending the town bus stop. Children must be supervised when waiting to be picked up.

### Student Absences

A friendly reminder that if your child is away, please contact the school by phone or Seesaw to inform the school of the reason. The student attendance data is regularly transferred to the Department of Education and is considered a key piece of evidence when looking at student engagement and wellbeing.



*The Junior class working with Mrs Summerhayes during the daily 2 hour Literacy Block*

### COVID Safe Practices

- We are trying to limit the number of people onsite, however parents are permitted to enter the premises when required.
- If your child is presenting with COVID like symptoms, please don't send your child to school, seek medical advice and conduct a RAT before returning.
- If a student or somebody in their household tests positive, please inform the School and isolate for 7 days.
- COVID Safe Practices Students are required to sanitise their hands upon entering the school buildings in the morning and wash or sanitise throughout the day.
- Students in Grade 3-6 must wear a mask inside and students over the age of 8 must wear a mask when travelling on the bus.
- No food sharing permitted. E.g. no shared cakes/cupcakes for Birthdays.



# WELLBEING

with Mrs Blackmore

TERM 1  
WEEK 2

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

RESILIENCE

## WELLBEING FOCUS

This week in wellbeing we are focusing on our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Value of

RESPECT

In our classrooms we show respect by...

- Completing our jobs to the best of our ability.
- Using our inside voices.
- Raising our hand and waiting for our turn to speak.
- Sitting in our seats properly.
- Allowing others to learn.

Classroom teachers will be awarding 'Student of The Week' to a student in their class who has shown outstanding RESPECT!

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program allows students to focus in on one of our values every week!

## MENTAL HEALTH IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

This year Beverford is lucky enough to have Mrs Blackmore as our Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator. The school is part of a research project that aims to build the capability of Victorian primary schools to better support student mental health and wellbeing. This is being trialled in 100 primary schools across Victoria and Mrs Blackmore will undertake lots of training. Her role is designed to increase support for teachers in addressing mental health needs of students. Mrs Blackmore will work on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and you can contact her at school on any of these days.



Mrs Blackmore