

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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January 29, 2026

Term 1, Week 1

What's On at BDPS?

Term 1, 2026	
Thursday January 29	Grade Prep Begin
Wed Feb 4, 11, 18 & 25	Prep Term 1 Rest Days
Friday February 6	Meet & Greet Picnic & Leadership Induction Day
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
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
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)
Term 2, 2026	
Monday April 20	Term 2 Begins
Saturday April 25	Anzac Day (March in Swan Hill)

*There are **NO Lunch Orders** tomorrow (Fri Jan 30)*

*All students must have a **Drink Bottle** that stays at school.*

Welcome to 2026!

Welcome to all returning students and their families to the new school year. A special welcome to our ten new Prep students, Layne, Maggie, Hunter Cecilia, Oliver, Raphael, Freddie, Eedie Tyson & Lenny. We also welcome Cohen (Gr. 3) and his family to BDPS.

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 great and have been buzzing with excitement the past few days.

We will be using the Seesaw App for communication again this year. Invites and instructions will be sent home this week for new students. Past students should remain linked to parents. If you need any assistance accessing this program on your smart phone, tablet or computer please contact your child's teacher.

Principal's Report

Back to School at BDPS!

Although it's been very hot, day 1 & 2 of 2026 has ran very smoothly. I would like to take this opportunity to **welcome the whole school community back for the 2026 School year**. It is an exciting time at Beverford District Primary School with growing enrolments and strong numbers in the junior grades.

It is wonderful to have a consistent staff team again this year. A great **team of educators** who are highly skilled and student-focused in all their work.

Thank you to Danielle Pretty & Kaiti Blackmore (Senior Classroom), Mel Cleeland & Chloe Wren (Middle Classroom) and Tamika Eford (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 of our families this year. Demi Salau will be working in a specialist role including tutoring during Term 1 before taking Family Leave.

Our **Education Support staff** provide great support to our students, staff and families. Lois Caelli is the Business Manager and will be at school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Matika Mitchell will support the Middle Classroom in the mornings and Specialist subjects after lunch. Milla Devlin will work in the Senior Classroom up until lunchtime. Zac Martin will work mostly in the Senior Room but also assist the other classrooms and Specialists programs in the afternoon.

We start the school year with **39 students**, which is wonderful. Fingers crossed that this may grow throughout the year. During Literacy and Numeracy, the school will be run in three classrooms with 10 students in the Prep classroom, 12 students in the 1/2 room and 17 students in the 3-6 class. The school will run in two or three classrooms for specialist subjects that are delivered after lunch. Please refer to the timetable attached.

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.

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 volunteering around the school builds a great community and the kids love it!

The **MARC Van** with Mrs Leahy will continue to visit the school on Wednesdays beginning in Week 2. Miss Leahy takes the classes for a 90-minute hands-on Literature session. The Swan Hill Mobile Library will visit the school fortnightly on a Tuesday starting next week.

Our **weekly assembly** will take place on Friday afternoons at 3.00pm in the Lounge. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Assemblies will begin in Week 3. We will be having a **Lunchtime Meet and Greet Picnic** and Student Leaders Induction Ceremony next Friday February 6

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

Thanks, Phil



The Junior Room (Gr. Prep) pictured with Miss Eford.

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.

Homework

The Homework Program is an important part of school at Beverford and this year will focus on home reading. 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. There will be no other set weekly homework, however classroom teachers may send specific work for your child to practice. If this is the case it will be communicated through Seesaw.

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 18 for the existing School Council. The Annual General Meeting and organisation of the new Council for 2026 is on March 25. If you are not currently on School Council or new to the school please 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 student who is interested in Swimming in the Mallee Divisional Swimming Sports on Monday February 16, need to contact the school by Monday February 2. Students turning 9 years and above this year are eligible. Events are 50 metres in all strokes. To compete, students must be very competent and able to swim 50 metres continuously without stopping.

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.

A casual Meet & Greet Picnic has been organised for next Friday February 6. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to drop in have lunch, chat with staff and other families and also have a look around the school. It will run from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

Our 2026 Student Leaders will be inducted and presented with their badges at 12.30pm by Mayor Stuart King.

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. The Junior School Council will prepare fruit salad to be shared with everyone who attends.

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.

Nut Allergy

We are a Nut Friendly School. A reminder to not send any snacks or food with your child that contains nuts or traces of nuts. We have an anaphylactic child attending school who is allergic to nuts.



The Middle Room (Gr 1/2) are pictured with Mrs Cleeland & Matika on their second day of school.

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.

Bus Application Forms for 2026

Any new bus travelers must fill in an application form available from the office before travelling on the bus.

A reminder that any student who is accessing the bus and is not attending their closest school will be charged to use the bus. A grandfather rule allows students who were accessing the bus in 2022 to continue to do so free of charge for the remainder of their primary schooling. Any new enrolments including siblings will be invoiced by the school, however some exemptions apply.

Fruit & Veggie 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.



The Senior Room (Gr 3-6) pictured with Miss Pretty, Milla & Zac on their first day back. (absent: Harrison & Dannika)

Artsy Fartsy

Calling all makers and creators...

1st & 3rd Thursdays
3.00-5.30pm (School Terms)
Anglican Church,
Splatt Street, Swan Hill

No tuition provided - this is a space to work among friends Snacks available for purchase
Bring everything you need to make, paint, draw or create!

Do you draw?
Do you sculpt with clay or dough?
Do you paint with watercolours, oils or acrylics?
Is scrapbooking your thing?
Do you make models or dioramas?
Do you make candles or sculpt with wax?
Do you knit a jumper or scarf?
Are you into graphic
Are you a keen crocheter?
Are you making terrain or painting miniatures?
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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 your child's classroom teacher or myself when needed.

We will be conducting Student Conferences in Week 6 on Monday March 2. This will be a formalized opportunity to discuss your child's educational needs with your teacher. The Meet & Greet Picnic lunch next Friday February 6 is a more casual opportunity to catch up with staff.

A key form of communication will be the Seesaw program. Seesaw is an App that can be used on a Smart phone, iPad or computer to enable parents and teachers to communicate. It is a wonderful way for us to share your child's work and send messages. Please ensure notifications are turned on in the App, this will ensure important information throughout the year is not missed. If you need assistance logging on, please contact your child's teacher.

State Sport Trials

The Team Vic Registration period has opened again for students wishing to trial for the 2026 Team Vic teams. If you have a child who is highly skilled in AFL, Basketball, Football (Soccer) or Netball and would like to trial for any of these sports please register via an online portal <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic> (there is a registration fee payable)

Registrations close in late February and no late entries will be accepted so please register early. Students need to turn 12, 11 or 10 this year. However, it is recommended that students have high skills in their chosen sport/s as the trials are not come and try events.

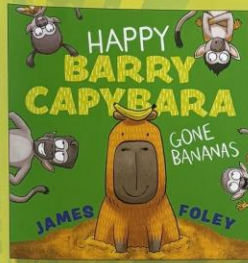
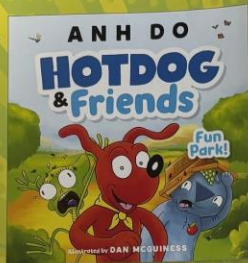
Once you have registered you will be notified of trial dates occurring in Swan Hill in late April or early May.

For further information please feel free to contact Tim Croft 0439032354 or Max Carroll 03 50321336

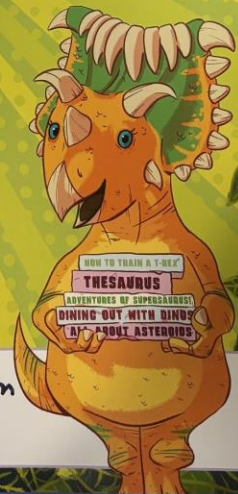
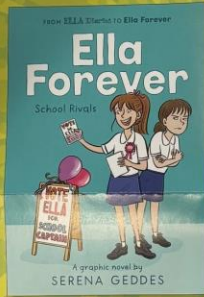


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THE #1 BOOK FAIR



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Date 16.02.2026 Time 8.30am - 4.30pm
Place BEVERFORD SCHOOL

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

