

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 1



What's On at BDPS?

<u>Calendar Term 1, 2019</u>	
Tuesday January 29	Teachers First Day Back
Wednesday, January 30	<u>Student's First Day Back</u>
Wednesday, February 6	Meet & Greet Picnic Lunch (12.30pm – 2.00pm)
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

Welcome to 2019!

Welcome to all returning students and their families to the new school year. A special welcome to our new Prep student Ryan Burney and new teacher Miss Abbey Fairley.

I trust that everyone has had a restful break and is ready to give it their all this school year. A motto we will be using and striving towards is "Be your best at Beverford District Primary School."

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 with the introduction of some new educational programs and resources, it is exciting times at Beverford!

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

NO LUNCH ORDERS IN WEEK 1

Principal's Report

Back to School at BDPS!

Day 1 of 2019 has ran very smoothly. I would like to take this opportunity to again welcome the whole school community back to the 2019 School year. It is an exciting time at Beverford District Primary School with staff changes, as this brings a sense of enthusiasm with the incorporation of new and innovative teaching practices and programs.

Thank you to Cindy Washbrook (Senior Classroom) and Abbey Fairley (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.

I encourage everyone 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. 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. We will be having a Lunchtime Meet and Greet Picnic next Wednesday February 6.

In staffing news, Gayle Williams who is on Long Service Leave this Term will resign at the completion of this. Gayle has been a wonderful classroom teacher at BDPS and we thank her for her service to the school. We wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life. Gayle will be available as a replacement teacher and has offered to help out where needed.

We start the school year with 25 students, but have our fingers crossed that this will grow throughout the year, as estimated future Prep enrolments from next year onwards look very promising. The school will be ran in two classrooms with 13 students in the P/2/3 classroom and 12 students in the 4/5/6 room. At this stage on Friday's the Grade 3 students will join the older students in the Senior classroom also. Cindy Washbrook will teach the Senior Room from Monday to Thursday and I will take the students on Friday. A timetable is attached to this newsletter.

Thanks, Phil



A big welcome to our new Prep student Ryan and our new Junior teacher Miss Fairley.

Homework

There have been some significant changes to the homework program at the school. 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 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 20. The Annual General Meeting and organization of the new Council is on March 20. If you are not currently on School Council please seriously consider nominating, it is a great way to have a voice in key decisions around the running of the school.

Meet & Greet Picnic

A casual Meet & Greet Picnic has been organised for next Wednesday February 6. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to drop in have lunch, meet the staff and also have a look around the school. It will run from 12.30pm to 2.00pm.

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 desert 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 Junior Room (Gr P/2/3) are pictured with Miss Fairley on their first day of school.

Uniform Order

A reminder that it is compulsory to wear correct School Uniform to school every day.

We have some uniform in stock, but will do a large order at the beginning of next week. This order can take up to 6 weeks to arrive. Please return the slip below by next Monday February 4. Payment can be made when the items arrive. If you wish to check sizes, please pop into school and your child may try them on.

Family Name: _____

Polo Shirt: \$25 each

Size _____ Quantity _____

Size _____ Quantity _____

Size _____ Quantity _____

Jacket: \$45

Size _____ Quantity _____

Size _____ Quantity _____

Size _____ Quantity _____

Hat: \$10

Quantity _____

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 Abbey, Cindy or myself when needed. We will be conducting Student Conferences in Week 6 on Monday March 4 and Tuesday March 5 after school. This will be a formalized opportunity to discuss your child's educational needs with your teacher.



The Senior Room (Gr 4-6) pictured with Miss Washbrook on their first day back.

Scholastic Book Club

Please find a Book Club catalogue attached to the newsletter. 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.

