Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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January 30, 2025
Term 1, Week 1

What's On at BDPS?

Calendar Term 1, 2025	
Tuesday January 28	Teachers Return
Wednesday January 29	**Term 1 Begins: Gr 1-6 Students Return**
Thursday January 30	**Prep students Begin**
Wed Feb 5, 12, 19 & 26	Prep Rest Days
Friday February 7	Meet & Greet / Induction Day Picnic Lunch
Monday February 17	Divisional Swimming Book Club Orders Due
Wednesday February 19	School Council – 7pm
Monday February 24	School Photos
Monday March 3	Student Conferences (Parent/Teacher catch ups)
Tuesday March 4	Summer Sports (Gr. 3-6) – Ken Harrison Fun Day at SHCC (P-2) – SH Cristian School Mallee Principal Forum (Phil away)
Thursday March 6	Author Visit
Friday March 7	**Pupil Free Day – Southern Mallee PD Day**
Monday March 10	**Public Holiday – Labour Day**
Wed Mar 12 – Fri Mar 14	NAPLAN Testing – Gr. 3 & 5
Mon Mar 17 – Wed Mar 19	Grade 3-6 Melbourne Camp with LBPS
Wednesday March 26	School Council – 7pm
Friday April 4	Term 1 Ends. (2.20pm finish)

NO LUNCH ORDERS THIS WEEK

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 2025!

Welcome to all returning students and their families to the new school year. A special welcome to our six new Prep students, Imogen, Ajay, Florence, William, Isaac and Ada.

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!

Day 1 & 2 of 2025 has ran very smoothly. I would like to take this opportunity to again welcome the whole school community back for the 2025 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. We welcome Mel Cleeland to the school; Mel will be a huge asset to the school with her teaching and leadership. We welcome back Chloe Wren in the Wellbeing and Inclusion Coordinator role.

Thank you to Mel Cleeland & Danielle Pretty (Senior Classroom), Demi Salau (Middle Classroom) and Tamika Elford (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.

Our Education Support staff provide great support to our students, staff and families. Lois Caeli 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 Junior Classroom up until lunchtime.

We start the school year with 31 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 6 students in the Prep classroom, 13 students in the 1/2 room and 12 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! We will be having a Lunchtime Meet and Greet Picnic and Student Leaders Induction Ceremony next Friday February 7.

The MARC Van with Mrs Leahy will continue to visit the school between 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.

Our weekly assembly will take place on Friday afternoons at 3.00pm in the Lounge. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

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 Elford. (absent – Imogen)

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.

The Grade 6 shirt supplied by the school will be sent home today. Extra shirts need to be paid for asap.

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.

Beginning in Week 2, students will receive Maths and Spelling based tasks to complete in their Homework book. These activities will support what is being taught in the classroom at that time.

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 19 for the existing School Council. The Annual General Meeting and organisation of the new Council for 2025 is on March 26. 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 17, need to contact the school by Monday February 3. 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.

School Saving Bonus

A reminder that the $400 school saving bonus can be spent at school to pay for uniforms, books, supplies, camps and excursions. Any money not used by mid-year is automatically deposited into your BDPS child's account and will be used for the items listed above.

A video with a "how to" guide can be found with the link below:
https://vimeo.com/1032194830?&signup=true#_=_
If you have any questions please contact Lois at school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Meet & Greet Picnic & Induction Ceremony

A casual Meet & Greet Picnic has been organised for next Friday February 7. 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 2025 Student Leaders will be inducted and presented with their badges at 12.30pm.
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 Free 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 the school who is allergic to nuts.

The Middle Room (Gr 1/2) are pictured with Miss Salau & Matika on their first day of school. (absent – Mikayla & Max)

Scholastic Book Club

A Book Club catalogue will be sent home this week. Orders are due by Monday February 17. 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 2025

All bus travelers will need to fill in the attached 2025 Application Form. Please return to school by this Monday February 3. If you have any questions please contact the school.

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 & 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 heathy 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 on their first day back.

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 Mel, Danielle, Demi, Tamika, Chloe or myself when needed.

We will be conducting Student Conferences in Week 6 on Monday March 3. This will be a formalized opportunity to discuss your child's educational needs with your teacher. The Meet & Greet Picnic lunch next Friday February 7 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. If you need assistance logging on, please contact your teacher.

State Sport Trials

The Team Vic Registration period has opened again for students wishing to trial for the 2025 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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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $150 for primary school students
- $250 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

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Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).
**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant_____ **Date**___/___/___

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Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one; or
- on the first day of Term two.

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder; or
b) Be a temporary foster parent; and
c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students' attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (see Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): Policy | education.vic.gov.au).

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the policy for the current rates.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.
Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

BDPS

2025 Term 1 Student Timetable

	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday		
	Prep	1-2	3-6	Prep	1-2	3-6	Prep	1-2	3-6	Prep	1-2	3-6	Prep	1-2	3-6
9.00am 11.00am	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy Science Literacy	Literacy Science	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy
11.00am – 11.30am	Recess			Recess			Recess			Recess			Recess		
11.30am 12.30pm	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Sport	Sport	Wellbeing	Wellbeing	Wellbeing	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Science	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling
1.00pm	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	MARC (3-6)	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
1.00pm – 1.50pm	Lunch			Lunch			Lunch			Lunch			Lunch		
1.50pm 3.20pm	Buddy Reading			Inquiry (Prep)	Inquiry (1-2)	Inquiry (3-6)	MARC (P-2)		Art (3-6)	Art (P-2)		ICT (3-6)	Buddy Reading		
	Sport (P-2)		Sport (3-6)										ICT (Prep)	ICT (1-2)	Sport (3-6)
													Whole School Assembly		