

# Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 3, Week 1

## What's On at BDPS?

<b>Calendar: Term 3, 2019</b>	
Monday July 22	Parent Opinion Surveys begin.
Tuesday July 23	<b>School Photos</b>
Wednesday July 24	School Council Meeting
Friday August 2	Beverford Tavern Raffle
Sunday August 4	Farmers Market Stall & Gate
Sunday August 11	Parent Opinion Surveys close
Wednesday August 14	Melbourne Excursion
Monday August 26	Miss Nunn (Student Teacher begins)
Wednesday August 28	School Wide Positive Behaviour Course Day 1: (Proposed Pupil Free Day)
Thursday August 29	School Wide Positive Behaviour Course Day 2
Tuesday September 3	District Athletics – Ken Harrison Reserve
Friday September 6	Beverford Tavern Raffle
Wednesday September 11	Leaders of Evolution Day 2 - Captains
Friday September 20	Term 3 Ends

## Welcome Mrs. Blackmore

On Monday we welcomed Kaitlyn Blackmore to Beverford District Primary School. The students spent two days with Mrs. Blackmore last term and this certainly assisted with the transition between teachers.

Mrs. Blackmore brings a wealth of experience to the BDPS staff, having led the Grade 6 teaching team for the past 3 years.

It has been great to see how quickly Mrs. Blackmore has settled into life at BDPS. The students have definitely enjoyed having her as their new teacher.

Please drop in anytime to meet Kaitlyn and have a conversation about your child and his/her needs.

**LUNCH ORDERS ON FRIDAY**

**HOMEWORK FOR TERM 3 BEGINS NEXT WEEK**

***Please ensure the Reading Diary is regularly signed***

# Principal's Report

## *Welcome Back for Term 3!*

Welcome back to Term 3. We had a great Semester 1 at the school and have much to celebrate. However, Semester 2 will be jammed packed with learning and fun experiences also. Some highlights of this term are sure to be the excursion to Melbourne on August 14, the Athletics on September 3 and our new Inquiry topic of Community Helpers & Services.

As mentioned on page 1, we welcomed Mrs. Blackmore into the Senior Room this week and look forward to having her on staff. I worked with Kaitlyn at Swan Hill Primary School for five years and for those who are unaware of our connection, she is also my niece. The school is very fortunate to have enthusiastic teachers with a broad knowledge of all curriculum areas using research based and engaging teaching strategies. BDPS is a great place to come to work every day and this is why students thrive at the school.

Reports were sent home on the last Monday of Term 2. If you have any questions about the report, please contact the classroom teacher or myself for an appointment. It is not too late to send the feedback sheet back on the reports also.

The fundraising committee have been very busy. Although the weather was cold and wet the Farmer's Market during the holidays on Sunday July 7 was still successful in raising valuable funds to subsidise such events as the Melbourne Excursion. Thank you to the parents and staff who volunteered their time at the market and also the tavern raffle, it is much appreciated. We will be running the stall for one more market on August 4 and will also be manning the gates collecting gold coin donations to enter. We will seek volunteers closer to the date.

Speaking of fundraising, the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program concluded at the end of Term 2. Stickers have been collated and counted, with the school collecting an amazing 12,240 stickers on 204 sheets. Thanks to everyone who was involved in collecting, we are now waiting to find out what school resources that allows us to purchase.

We have a School Council Meeting on next Wednesday July 24 at 7pm, the information packs will go home to councilors this week. Please let me know if you are an apology for that meeting. The Fundraising sub-committee will meet before this meeting at 6.30pm.

A reminder we have an assembly every Monday morning at 9am hosted by our School Captains Liam & Eden. This is where we acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our students and present the student of the week, principal award and home reading certificates.

Enjoy your Week,  
Thanks, Phil



*Welcome to BDPS Mrs. Blackmore.*

### 2019 School Photos

School photos will be taken next week on the morning of Tuesday July 23 by Kristen Moloney. Information and pricings were sent home in a note on Monday. Please return the photo slips outlining which photos you require before the school photo day. However, Kristen has kindly allowed payment for the selected photos to be delayed until Friday August 2 as per the note.

The individual photos will be taken in Kristen's studio across the road from the school. All other photos will be taken on the school grounds as normal. Thanks to Kristen for taking our photos again in 2019.

### 2019 Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training, which all government schools are completing in the next few weeks. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Due to being a small school of 17 families, all parents at the school will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**. A link to the web address and specific School PIN will be sent home on Monday July 22 for families to complete the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. I am happy to help any families who require assistance to access the survey and will have a computer available for any parents to complete the survey in privacy at the school.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September and shared with the School Community through the Annual Reporting process.

Please contact me at school if you would like more information.

### 2020 Prep Enrolments

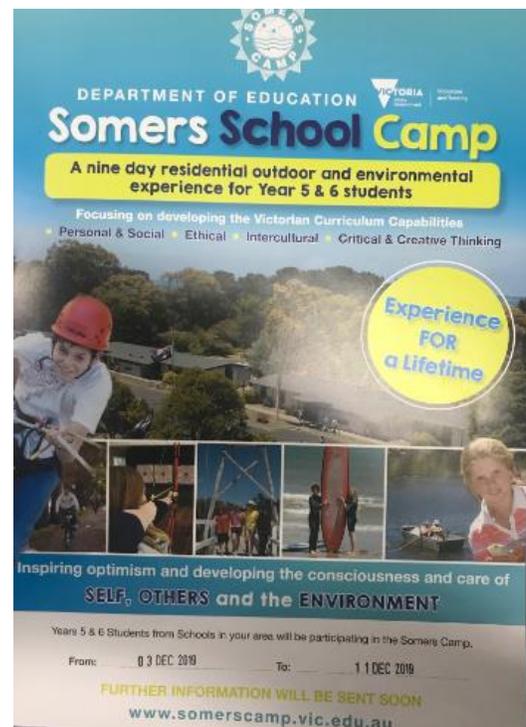
Enrolment forms for 2020 Prep students were sent home late last term, please return those as soon as possible to allow the staff to forward plan.

Also if you know of any Prep students that could possibly attend BDPS next year please let me know and I will contact the families. Our Prep transition and 'come and try' days will begin on Friday August 16. It would be wonderful to increase our student population by welcoming a large Prep intake into the school.

### Somers Camp

On December 3 to December 11 this year, Grade 5/6 students from our school along with the network have the opportunity to participate in the Somers School Camp. The nine day experience is heavily subsidised by the Department of Education, however there is a \$260 cost to parents. The school will not receive its student allocation until later in the year and generally there is more interest than there are places available. A fair process will be decided on to fill our allocation if we need.

Please fill out the slip below if you would like your child considered. For more information on the camp visit [www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au](http://www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au)



### Somers Camp: Dec 3-11

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend Somers Camp this year. I realise there are limited places allocated to schools and therefore he/she may not attend.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Motov8ing Boys

I have been asked to advertise this event for parents of pre-teen and teenage boys.



Motivating Boys is an event for boys aged 11-17 and their parents.

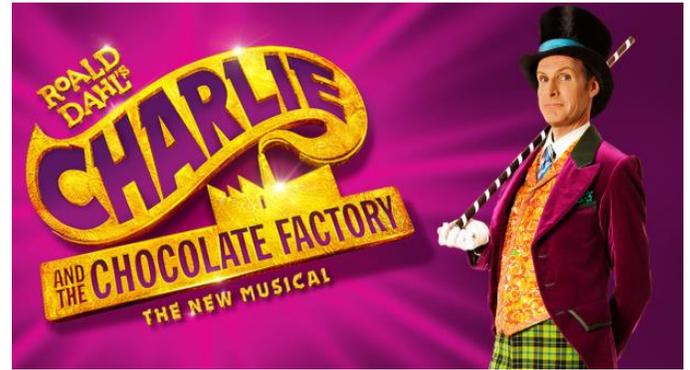
Do you worry about your son's behaviour or attitude; or maybe he needs help building his confidence? Does your son struggle to care about or see his potential? Or maybe you're tired of repeating yourself over and over again only to get the same result, or even worse get no response at all? One of the biggest deficits seen in young people today is a lack of social & emotional intelligence. Unfortunately this often leads to problems at home, at school and with friends both on & off line.

If you can relate to some or maybe even all of these then the Motivating Boys event is for you and it's time you met John McMahon. MotoV8 boys workshop will run in Swan Hill on Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>. For more information and tickets see the link below.

<https://motov8.com.au/motov8ing-boys-swan-hill/>

## Melbourne Excursion

The August 14 excursion to Melbourne to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Her Majesty's theatre is fast approaching. It will be a very big day for staff and students with the train departing Swan Hill before 7am and not returning back to Swan Hill until 11pm. A permission note will be sent home this week with further details.



Due to recent fundraising through the Farmers Markets, Lunch Orders and Tavern Raffles the School Council will be significantly subsidising the cost of the excursion, keeping the cost down to \$40 per student. The School Council and Fundraising sub-committee have made a commitment to ensure that all students have an opportunity to attend and enjoy this wonderful experience.

The theatre experience will support the Performing Arts and Music programs at the school and will also greatly support the Literacy Program with classrooms currently completing book studies on the original Roald Dahl book.

I encourage families to check out the website below, which gives great information about the musical production.

<https://charliethemusical.com.au>