

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 3, Week 2



What's On at BDPS?

<u>Calendar: Term 3, 2019</u>	
Wednesday July 24	Fundraising Sub-Committee – 6.30pm School Council Meeting – 7pm
Friday August 2	Beverford Tavern Raffle
Sunday August 4	Farmers Market Stall & Gate
Monday August 5	Book Club order due
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

LUNCH ORDERS ON THIS FRIDAY

HOMEWORK & MATHS MATE 1 DUE FRIDAY

Please ensure the Reading Diary is regularly signed

Earn and Learn

As reported last week we filled 204 sheets of earn and learn stickers. This gave the school over 12,200 points to use towards resources.

The staff and the senior students put their heads together and decided to purchase some Bee bot robots which will be used in our STEM program.

The Bee bots are used to teach coding and also covers other important ICT and STEM curriculum. They are also a whole lot of fun. The Bee bots are scheduled to arrive early in Term 4!

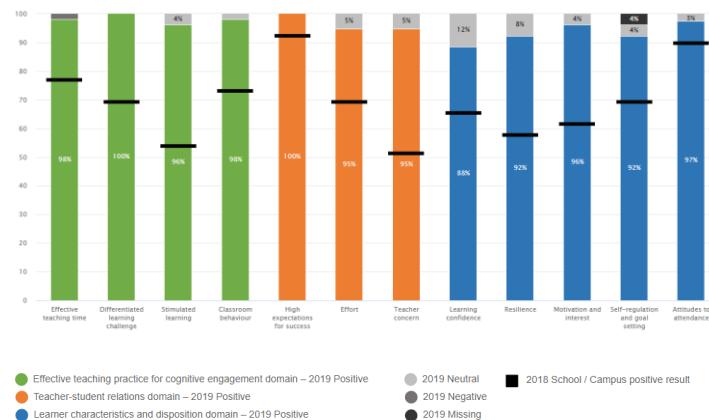


Principal's Report

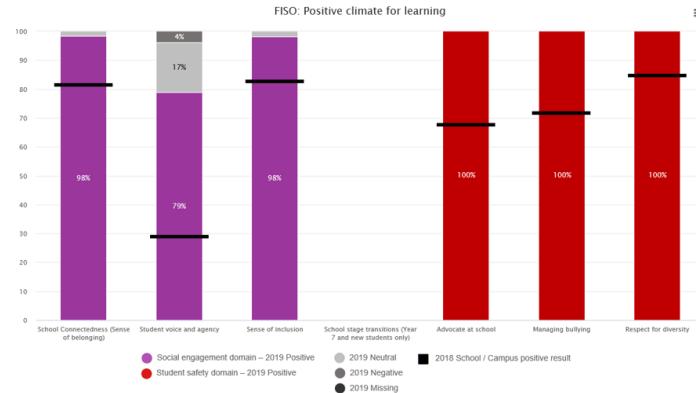
Outstanding Student Opinion!

It has been a great start to the term at Beverford, the students have returned from their breaks very fresh and enthusiastic towards their learning. It is always very pleasing to see how cooperative the students are with each other. They work well together, encourage each other and enjoy their peers having success. It is a wonderful environment that is very conducive to learning.

Pictured below is the initial data sent from the Department of Education on our Student Opinion Survey. This survey was completed by our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students back in May. It shows excellent results with the coloured bars on the graph indicating the 2019 percentage of positive responses ('agree' or 'strongly agree') and the black line displaying the 2018 results. It makes the staff and I very proud that the student opinion has improved on the results received in previous years.



This data was celebrated at Monday's assembly and shows the students believe they are taught effectively in a stimulated environment with high expectations from teachers that they have a strong respectful relationship with. Learning is differentiated to suit the individual and students believe it is very important to attend school. An enlarged graph is attached to the newsletter.



The graph above is related to the student engagement and safety domains. Again the school improved on the 2018 results. This indicates students believe they are comfortable talking to staff about issues, they are respected and any bullying or perceived bullying is dealt with effectively. An immediate focus going forward for the school will be student voice, although it improved greatly from 2018, this domain scored much lower than the others. The results will be tabled and discussed at tonight's School Council meeting also.

This week we congratulate the following students on their awards.

Junior Student of the Week

Emma Van Liessum – for starting the term in amazing fashion, working very hard.

Senior Student of the Week

Liam Shadbolt– for being very responsible and helping Mrs. Blackmore settle in and feel welcome.

Principal Award

Tai Faasee – for working very hard and persisting with his reading and writing tasks.

Enjoy your Week,
Thanks, Phil



Principal Award Winner: Tai Faasee

School Council Meeting

A reminder we have a School Council Meeting this evening (Wednesday July 24) at 7pm. Please let me know if you are an apology for that meeting. The Fundraising sub-committee will meet before this meeting at 6.30pm.

School Photos

Yesterday (Tuesday July 23), Kristin took the 2019 School Photos. We thank Kristin for her time and look forward to seeing the finished product. Please ensure payment is organised before Friday August 2.

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 have been 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 22nd July to Sunday 11th August**. A link to the web address and specific School PIN were 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.



Student of the Week Awards: Emma & Liam



Home Reading Awards: Ella, Phoenix, Jackson, Tillie, Liam & Eden.

2020 Prep Enrolments

Enrolment forms for 2020 Prep students were sent home late last term, please return 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.

Major Fundraiser – Farmers Market

The Farmers Market is on next weekend, Sunday August 4. We are hoping this will be a very good fundraiser for the school. We are again running a Soup, Dim Sims and Cookie stall, but are also manning the three gates to enter the market. We will need 3 adults on the gates and 2 adults on the stall throughout the entire morning.

This will mean we need extra helpers for this market, which will be the final market we run a stall. If you can spare some time please fill out the form below and return by Monday July 29 to allow time to organise a roster. Thanks in advance!

Sunday August 4 – Farmers Market

Name(s): _____

I/We are able to work on the **soup stall** at the following time(s). (please circle)

- 8.00am – 9.30am
9.30am – 11.00am
11.00am – 12.30pm

Name(s): _____

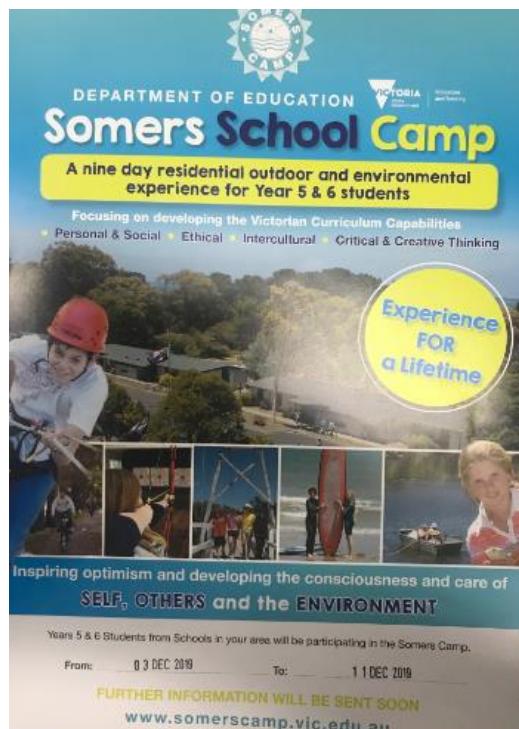
I/We are able to work on the **gate** at the following time(s). (please circle)

- 8.00am – 9.30am
9.30am – 11.00am
11.00am – 12.30pm

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



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: _____