

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 9



What's On at BDPS?

<u>Calendar Term 1, 2019</u>	
Thursday March 28	Gymnastics Workshop 2 ANZAC Day Talk (2pm-3pm)
Friday March 29	Mallee Zone Cricket (Jackson & Liam)
Monday April 1	Gymnastics Workshop 3
Thursday April 4	Gymnastics Workshop 4 Easter Egg Hunt
Friday April 5	Term 1 Ends (1.20pm early finish)
<u>Term 2, 2019</u>	
Monday April 22	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday April 23	Term 2 Day 1
Thursday April 25	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Monday May 6	School Cross Country
Tuesday May 14 – Thursday May 16	Grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing



Congratulations to our students who have received a bronze home reading award (25 nights signed).

A special mention to Jackson McNeas who was our first silver home reading award recipient with 50 night.

Rocketing into Home Reading.

It is wonderful to see the amount of home reading that is happening in the later part of Term 1. It is definitely contributing positively to student achievement, with some students skipping through the reading levels and improving their comprehension skills.

Thank you for your support at home, the great partnerships we are building between home and school is the academic and social growth of the students!

We have a reading rocket on display in the lounge, with students going up the rocket for every 25 nights they read and have their diary filled in.

Principal's Report

Oh What a Night!

What an amazing excursion and sleep over we have had this week. A huge thanks to Miss Washbrook, Miss Fairley and Lois for their outstanding organisation. We are so very lucky to have such a talented, caring and dedicated staff at Beverford District Primary School. It is a great place to work and I am very grateful to lead such a great staff team.

The excursion was a huge success! Participating in the KABOOM tabloid sports at Swan Hill Primary School was certainly a lot of fun and set the scene for the entire sleep over. We filled the majority of Monday at the Pioneer Settlement learning about the pioneering days and the local indigenous culture. All of the activities were very interactive and supported the learning that has been occurring back at school throughout Term 1.

Gymnastics was also a hit with the students and this program will continue tomorrow (Thursday March 28) and Monday and Thursday next week. Michael Carter put the students through their paces and it was great to see everyone giving it 100% and getting involved. Some of the students were a little anxious but the feedback from the students was wonderful and they are all looking forward to the next three sessions.

After a yummy evening meal of pizza and chips, we returned to the Pioneer Settlement for the Heartbeat of the Murray. We all now know why it is an international award winning show. It was brilliant and again very educational as the story of the Murray River was told through the laser show.

The lights were out at 9.30pm and the students were very respectful of each other getting to sleep very quickly. The students loved the opportunity to camp together in the two classrooms and it was great to see everyone helping out during set up and pack up time.

Although some of us were a little weary, yesterday was also fantastic with a swim at leisure centre followed by morning tea and play at riverside park. Returning to schools students completed their library MARC Van lesson and watched a movie.

This week we congratulate the following students on their awards. Due to the excursion and sleep over we had a shortened assembly this morning.

Junior Student of the Week

Aidan Evans – for being respectful to others and showing a willingness to help others during the sleepover/excursion.

Senior Student of the Week

Charlotte Goldsmith – for being positive towards her school work and attendance.

Principal Award

The Whole School – for being an outstanding team on the excursion and sleep over, with many adults and teachers commenting on the behavior, general respect and manners of our students!

Enjoy your Week,
Thanks, Phil



Principal Award Winner – The Whole School

School Council

The first School Council Meeting involving the AGM is always a long one. Thanks to everyone for their patience and willingness to have their voice at the School Council Level. There was some great discussion on some very important topics as we move through the first term of the year.

Congratulations to Sophie Shadbolt who is the new School Council President and also to Emma McNees who is the Secretary. We would like to thank you both for taking on these roles.

Mallee Zone Cricket

Congratulations to Liam Shadbolt and Jackson McNees who represent the Swan Hill District Schools in cricket on this Friday March 29 at the Swan Hill Showgrounds. Good luck boys.



Small School Cluster Planning Days

Late last year and throughout Term 1 this year the school has re-connected with the Small Schools Cluster which includes Nyah District PS, Worrinen District PS and Lake Boga PS. This has allowed our teachers to plan and collaborate alongside teachers from the cluster schools, sharing best practice and research based high impact teaching strategies. In the final week of this term Miss Washbrook will plan with the Senior team on Monday and Miss Fairley with the Junior team on Tuesday. We thank the cluster schools for welcoming us in and also to Cindy and Abbey for their willingness to share their resources and knowledge as well as learn from others.

Some of the assessments we are undertaking this year are used in the other schools, which allows for moderation across schools.



Students of the Week: Aidan & Char.

Easter Egg Hunt

We will celebrate the Easter Term 1 Holidays with an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday next week. It should be fun and definitely a treat for the students who have had a wonderful first term. We are very proud of their efforts in the classroom, the playground and out in the wider community. Well done kids!

Phil Absent from Friday to Tuesday

Due to the Oxfam 100 kilometre walk on Friday/Saturday in the Dandenong Ranges and professional development about the school review in Melbourne I will be absent Friday, Monday and Tuesday. Miss Washbrook will replace me on Friday and Miss Menzel will teach on Monday and Tuesday. The forecasted weather for the walk is a little concerning (high winds, rain, chance of hail and quite cold), oh dear! So please think of me and keep your fingers crossed.

ANZAC DAY Talk

A member of the Swan Hill RSL branch will visit the school tomorrow (Thursday March 28) to talk to the whole school about the significance of ANZAC Day. This supports our learning about Australian History this term and the school will also be presented with an information book about ANZAC Day donated by the RSL Branch.

