

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 5

What's On at BDPS?

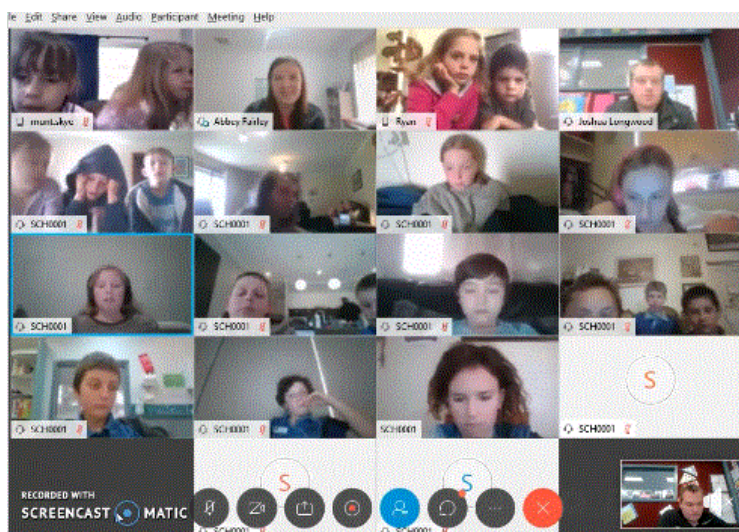
Calendar Term 2, 2020	
Wednesday May 20	School Council 7pm via Webex
Monday May 25	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday May 26	Grade P-6 Students Return
Monday June 8	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday June 17	School Council 7pm via Webex
Friday June 26	Last Day of Term 2

Blackmore Baby

We congratulate Mrs Blackmore and her husband Kris on the arrival of Arya Emily Blackmore on May 4 at 12.30pm.



The family are home in Swan Hill and doing very well. I am sure we will have a visit from Mrs Blackmore and Arya out to school as soon as it is possible.



Our Friday 2pm assemblies have been very popular and well attended.

If you need assistance with anything contact your classroom teacher during school hours on the phone or directly via email on:

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Principal's Report

Thank you for all of your support during these past 4 ½ weeks of remote and flexible learning. Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised that schools can begin a phased return to on-site schooling. (See attached letter.)

The Department of Education has staggered the start over two stages. In the first stage, students in Prep-2 would return to school on Tuesday May 26, with the second stage allowing Grade 3-6 students to return on Tuesday June 9.

However, because we are a small school and in a rural and isolated setting, I believe there is no real benefit in staggering the start for our students. I have contacted the Department of Education and they said it was an operational decision that could be made by the Principal. Therefore in consultation with parents from the Grade 3-6 cohorts it has been decided that **all students from Prep to Grade 6 will return on Tuesday May 26**. This is very exciting and when talking to Grade 3-6 parents today, families shared this excitement! To support our teachers to prepare for this transition, **Monday May 25 will be a pupil-free day across the state**.

The majority of local schools will not have the ability and luxury to start all of their students on May 26 and will need to follow the staggered start timeline. I am hoping that by starting our Grade 3-6 students early, it does not put any undue pressure on schools in the area. We are fortunate that we have small class sizes to enable this, where other larger schools do not and must adhere to the staggered start.

With not long to go, we would like to thank you for embracing remote learning and for your patience and understanding over the last month, as our staff have adapted to a new way of teaching. We understand that every family's situation is different and acknowledge that many parents are trying to work from home, and/or care for several children. Thanks also to our very dedicated and hardworking staff. I believe we are leading the way in remote learning and have been very proud of the school community during these times.

A reminder to school councilors that we will be having a Webex meeting at 7pm next Wednesday May 20. More information and a pack will be emailed out on Monday.

We hope that all of our wonderful Beverford Mums had a great Mother's Day last weekend and were spoilt rotten. In this time of remote learning, we have added another huge responsibility to Mums with an already massive workload. Please know that we value what you are doing.



Happy Mother's Day for last weekend.

Our Friday Webex whole school assemblies have been a huge success with up to 16 families attending online. We thank parents for facilitating this at home. Congratulations to Brydee Whiteman & Oscar O'Bree (P-2), Tillie Shadbolt & Emma Van Liessum (3/4) and Lukas Hill & Char Goldsmith (5/6) who were awarded Student of the Week over the past two weeks. Well done to Ella Thomas & Meg Van Liessum who have won the Principal Awards also.

I encourage all families to attend the assembly this week on Friday at 2pm. It is a great way to see each other and stay connected. After the Assembly there will be a short Junior School Council Meeting for those members who are available.

Enjoy your Week,
Thanks, Phil