

# Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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**November 3, 2021**  
**Term 4, Week 5**

## What's On at BDPS?

<u>Calendar Term 4, 2021</u>	
Monday November 8	P-3 Glasses for School Program Swimming Program Begins
Mon Nov 8, 15 & 22 Thurs Nov 11, 18 & 25	Swimming Program (Mondays & Thursdays)
Tues Nov 16, 23 & 30	Grade 5/6 Health Talks (9.00am – 11.00am)
Wednesday November 17	School Council 7pm
Fri Nov 19, 26 & Dec 3	Prep Transition Sessions 1-3
Thursday December 9	Swan Hill College Yr. 7 Transition Day 1
Friday December 10	Swan Hill College Yr. 7 Transition Day 2 BDPS Whole School One Up Day
Tuesday December 14	School Concert
Friday December 17	Term 4 Ends

### **NEW MODERN FURNITURE AT SCHOOL**



### **SCHOOL HATS ARE COMPULSORY IN TERM 4**

**Students require a refillable drinker at school every day**

## Welcome Josh

Our run of new enrolments continued last week as we welcomed Josh Tabone to Grade 1 on Friday.

Josh is a friendly student who settled in very quickly and had a wonderful first day at BDPS, making new friends and getting to know our routines.

We welcome Josh and his parents Kelly and John to the Beverford school community from New Gisborne.



Welcome Josh

# Principal's Report

## Settling Back Nicely

We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend. It has been great to get back into our routines over the past couple of weeks with all students working onsite. Students have transitioned quickly and with recent reading assessments it is pleasing to see students are still making progress during these difficult times.

On Friday October 29 it was World Teacher's Day. This gave us an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful work of our dedicated Beverford teachers. We thank Kristy, Josh, Demi, Danielle, Kylie and Mariette for everything they do for the students and families of BDPS!

Monday November 1 was a Curriculum Day, which privileged time for our staff to plan together using recent assessment data completed at school. Teachers have organised a busy and engaging final 6 weeks of the year. With all of the interruptions due to COVID-19 the students will be working flat out right up until the Summer break.

Notes for the Swimming Program beginning on Monday November 8 have been sent home today. The program runs for six sessions over the next three weeks on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please return the permission notes before this Friday. The bus will pick us up at 1.20pm and return before the end of the school day. Students will get changed into their bathers and back into school uniform at the Leisure Centre. Please ensure your child's clothes and towel are labelled. If on occasion you would like to collect your child from the Leisure Centre, please let your teacher know.

Last week some very modern furniture arrived at the school. It is set up, looks incredible and is very popular with both students and staff. A big thank you to Mr Longwood who did the bulk of the organising when the furniture arrived, in my absence.

The annual Grade 5/6 Health Talks begin in a few weeks with School Nurse Carol Elliott. A note was sent home with families today and also sent on Seesaw. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Carol or myself.

We congratulate the following students on their recent awards.

### Junior Student of the Week

Oscar O'Bree

### Middle Student of the Week

Lilly Thompson & Sommer Clarke

### Senior Student of the Week

Malika Chaplin

### Principal Award

Tai Faasee

Enjoy your Week,  
Thanks, Phil



Week 3 Principal Award Winner – Tai Faasee

## 2022 MHiPS

We are very excited to announce that our school will be involved in the Mental Health in Primary Schools Pilot in 2022. The MHiPS Pilot is a Victorian Government initiative, designed to promote a whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing. The Pilot is being delivered in partnership with Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the Melbourne Graduate School of Education.

The Pilot provides our school with funding during 2022 to employ a teacher-qualified professional as a Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator who will assist to lead a whole-school approach to mental health prevention and early intervention approaches that are embedded in the classroom. This will enable us to further deepen our current practices to support our students' wellbeing.

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator will complement the school's existing wellbeing team and strengthen our connections with broader Catholic Education Office staff, local community services and other health professionals to engage and build relationships with appropriate mental health and wellbeing supports.

This 2 and half day per week position for our school has been advertised and Kaiti Blackmore was the successful applicant. Kaiti will return to the school in this role for the 2022 school year.



*Maggie, Indie, Lawson and Angus working on the new tables.*



*We have two new couches with a whiteboard table in every classroom*



*Week 3 Award Winners: Oscar O'Bree, Sommer Clarke, Lilly Thompson & Malika Chaplin*

## Staffing & Class Structures for 2022

With our enrolments predicted to climb in 2022, we are very excited with what this has allowed us to do in the area of staffing. To say we are excited and proud of our staffing team for next year is an understatement. Below is the staffing profile of the school for 2022.

Principal – Phil Cox (1.0)  
Business Manager – Lois Caelli (0.4)  
Learning Specialist & P/1 – Kristy Summerhayes (0.8)  
Grade 2-4 Teacher – Chloe Wren (0.8)  
Grade 5/6 Teacher – Demi Salau (0.8)  
Literacy Tutor – Danielle Pretty (0.3)  
Health & Wellbeing Coordinator – Kaiti Blackmore (0.5)

We will continue to run three classrooms in the morning for Literacy and Numeracy (P/1, 2-4 & 5/6). In the afternoon these will be combined into two groups for Specialist subjects (P-3 & 4-6). Danielle will continue in her role in Literacy Intervention and we welcome Kaiti back to school in a new Wellbeing role as outlined in this newsletter.

At this stage depending on new families potentially moving to the school, we predict to start the year with between 32 and 35 students. We have at least 7 Foundation students beginning also, which is fantastic!

We will continue to promote the school and celebrate our successes in the hope of attracting more enrolments. Please continue to advertise the school within your networks with positive word of mouth.





*Back of Return Banner – School Values*



*Front of Return Banner*



*Senior students cooking with Mr Longwood*



*Miss Hazlett in Art with the Junior students*



*Lachlan and Aidan ready to sample their pancakes*