

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 4, Week 1

What's On at BDPS?

<u>Calendar Term 4, 2018</u>	
Wednesday, October 17	School Council Meeting
Thursday, October 18	School Disco (6.30pm – 8.00pm)
October 22 24 25 29 30 Nov 1	Swimming (1.45 pm to 2.45 pm)
Friday, October 26	Book Club Due Back
Wednesday, October 31	School Photos
Monday, November 5	Pupil Free Day (Staff Professional Development)
Tuesday, November 6	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Wednesday, November 21	School Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 12	Swan Hill College information night for Grade 6 students and parents
December 13 and 14	Grade 6/7 SHC Transition days and new Preps to Beverford
Thursday, December 13	School Concert and Presentation Night
Monday, December 17	Grade 6 dinner
Friday, December 21	End of Term 2.20 pm dismissal



Lunch Orders available every Friday

SCHOOL DISCO – Thursday October 18 (6.30-8.00pm)

SCHOOL PHOTOS – Wednesday October 31 (morning)



2018 Swim Program

Making a Splash!

The swimming program consists of six 1-hour lessons beginning in Week 3 Monday October 22 and concluding in Week 4 on Thursday November 1. We will leave on the bus each day at around 1.20pm and return to school just after 3.00pm. Students will get changed into and out of their bathers at school before and after the sessions.

Qualified swim instructors will take the students in four small groups to ensure the students get the most out of the sessions. If you would like to pop in to watch a lesson, they run from 1.45pm to 2.45pm at the Leisure Centre in Swan Hill.

Please complete the permission form sent home on Monday and return it with the \$10 swimming fee to school by next Wednesday October 17. If you wish to collect your child from the pool, please contact the school to ensure your child takes their bag with them.

Principal's Report

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the students, staff and wider school community for the final term of the 2018 school year. As the Acting Principal for Term 4, I am very excited to meet everyone and quickly build positive working relationships with families to ensure we have a very smooth and engaging fourth term. I am the current Assistant Principal at Swan Hill Primary School, but as a born and bred Mallee Boy I have a passion and interest in small schools. I have been the Principal of Culgoa Primary School and Assistant Principal at Tyrrell College in Sea Lake. Amazingly, I did teaching rounds here when Bernie Conlan was the Principal many moons ago and since then kept an interested eye on the school.

My first impressions of the school is that it is a fantastic place with wonderful kids. With my background being in teaching and learning, as well as student wellbeing, I look forward to building and further developing the academic achievement, engagement and social wellbeing of the students at the school. I will take over the teaching component in the senior classroom of Grade 4-6, Ms. Mariette Menzel will teach on a Wednesday in the senior class and Mrs. Gayle Williams will continue her great work as the Grade 1 classroom teacher.

We welcome Miss Cindy Washbrook to the school; Miss Washbrook is a very experienced and versatile teacher who will teach in the middle classroom of Grade 2/3. Cindy has recently moved to the area and has been working in a Grade 4 classroom at Swan Hill Primary School. I have observed first hand her wonderful ability to engage students and get the best out of everyone.



A huge thank you to everyone for making Cindy and I feel so welcome during our first week at the school. I encourage you to pop in and meet Cindy and myself if you have not done so already. A big thanks must also go to Gayle Williams and Mariette Menzel for informing us of the structures, programs and routines at the school, it has made the transition into the school very smooth. Enjoy your week, Regards Phil

Note of Absence

Should your child/children be absent from school for any reason it is a Department of Education requirement that a parent / guardian contact the school. It is preferable that a written note be sent to the school either prior to the absence or on the return of the student, however a phone call is fine.

Good luck Liam & Billy

We wish Billy Matthews (relay) and Liam Shadbolt (long jump & high jump) all the very best as they represent the school and district at the LMR Track and Field Championships in Bendigo on Monday October 15. Good luck boys!



Pre-school Program (Transition for 2019 Prep)

Mrs. Williams will be running a Pre-schooler Program in the Grade P/1 classroom every Wednesday morning from 9.00am to 11.30am throughout Term 4. If you have a child who is planning to attend the school, please make contact with Gayle or myself at school on 50376622.



Grade 1's working on Mathematics

Also, if you know of any Pre-school students who live in the area please encourage those families to come and try. The program will include involvement in classroom learning activities and familiarisation of the school environment. Each Pre-schooler will need to bring a hat, drink bottle, piece of fruit and a small snack for recess.

A whole school Orientation Program (full days) will be held on Thursday December 13 and Friday December 14, this will include the Grade 6's attending Swan Hill College.

School Council

A school council meeting will take place next Wednesday October 17 at school. The agenda will be sent home early next week.

Facebook Page

The Beverford District Facebook Page is another form of communication and will be used alongside the newsletter. It is a great way to celebrate and promote the awesome things happening at the school.

School Photos

School Photo Day is scheduled for the morning of **Wednesday October 31**. Kristen Parker will take the photos. A form will go home soon with prices and a selection of packages including individual photos, family photos and the whole school photo. Every child's photo will be taken regardless of whether or not an order is put in.

Book Club

Please find the book club catalogues attached to this newsletter, they are due back to school by Friday October 26.

Hats are compulsory in Term 4

Children are to wear a school hat when playing outside during Term 4. Please ensure your child's hat and other belongings such as drink bottles and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with their name.

School Disco - Halloween Theme

The school disco will take place in the school hall next Thursday, October 18 between 6.30pm and 8.00pm. The senior room will organise the event, the students have decided it will be a Halloween dress up theme. There will be singing, dancing and party games with prizes. It will be a lot of fun and another opportunity for parents to meet Miss Washbrook and myself. Rob McKay has again volunteered to be the DJ, which is much appreciated!



Grade 3-6 students completing their RAID posters for a regional competition.

