

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 4, Week 3

What's On at BDPS?

Calendar Term 4, 2021	
Wednesday October 20	Grade 3/4 Students join P-2 onsite
Thursday October 21	Grade 5/6 Students join P-2 onsite
Friday October 22	All students return to Face to Face Learning
Wednesday October 20	School Council Meeting 7pm (cancelled)
Monday October 25	Book Club due date
Friday October 29	World Teachers Day
Monday November 1	Pupil Free Day – Curriculum Day
Tuesday November 2	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
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)
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

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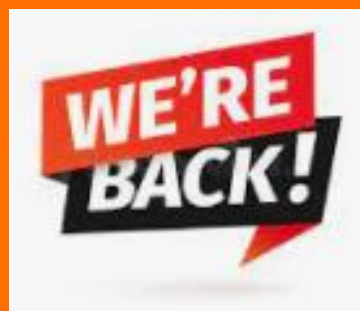
SCHOOL HATS ARE COMPULSORY IN TERM 4

Bring on Friday

We are jumping out of our skin, with the recent announcement that all regional students will return to face to face teaching this Friday October 22!

Due to better than expected vaccination rates the original date of next Tuesday has been brought forward to Friday.

We are planning on having a celebration, which will include a free barbecue lunch and a fun afternoon of activities.



Principal's Report

New return date on Roadmap

It has been wonderful to see all of our students over the past few weeks face to face onsite. It's great to have our Grade 3-6 students **transitioning back to school** successfully.

As I am sure you are aware, **all P-6 students return to face to face learning onsite this Friday October 22**. This date has been brought forward by the Victorian Government. I would like to take this opportunity to say **thank you** to all of our families for the way you have tackled remote learning. It is not easy for anyone, but by working together in a partnership we are getting through this.

I am sure the number of active COVID-19 in the Swan Hill LGA has caused stress and worry over the past week. We have been following the strict protocols and procedures set out for Victorian schools. This now includes all students in **Grade 3-6 wearing face masks** at school and when travelling on the bus. A reminder that if a family member or student has undertaken a COVID test, please contact the school when this occurs and again when the result is received. This information remains confidential.

The school has been working on our **Emergency Management Plan**. This has included recent works on the grounds with the upcoming bushfire season. Due to its location the school is deemed a Grassfire risk, with this classification on Code Red Days the school bus will be unable to run and the school is closed.

With our students all returning to school this week, we are hopeful that we may be able to start to plan our **Prep Transition Program**. At this stage it is scheduled for four consecutive Fridays beginning on Friday November 19. However, we are keen to tailor the program to best suit our new families. At this stage we have 7 Prep students for 2022, but would welcome more! We are going to continue to promote the school through social media and the radio, but the best form of advertising is word of mouth. So please get the word out there about our wonderful school, great kids, great staff and very supportive families.

Last week we welcomed past BDPS student Haylea Hazlett to school as a Pre-service teacher. **Miss Hazlett** is working with Miss Salau in the Senior Room and has settled in well and will be with us until Friday November 5.

A reminder to parents that we have a school council approved **Pupil Free Day on Monday November 1**, which is the day before the Melbourne Cup public holiday. Staff will be using this time for planning curriculum for Weeks 6 to 11.

Our assembly this week was broadcast on **WebEx**, thank you to those students and families who logged on and attended. We congratulate the following students on their awards.

Junior Student of the Week

W1: Maggie Bull
W2: Angus Whimpress

Middle Student of the Week

W1: Lilly Thompson
W2: Meg Van Liessum

Senior Student of the Week

W1: Darcy McNees
W2: Lukas Hill

Principal Award

W1: Tillie Shadbolt
W2: Maggie Bull

Enjoy your Week,
Thanks, Phil



Week 1 Principal Award Winner – Tillie Shadbolt

Staffing News

In staffing news Mr Longwood has indicated he will be moving back to Melbourne at the end of the year. We wish Josh and his family all the best in the future and thank him for his contribution to the school. We have recently advertised, ran a process and employed a new classroom teacher for 2022. Chloe Wren who is currently teaching at Murrabit Group School has accepted the position and we are very excited to have Chloe onboard. Chloe will bring a wealth of knowledge to Beverford, including a great knowledge of small rural schools.

2022 Tutoring Program

Danielle Pretty has been employed through the tutoring funding and will again be our Literacy Intervention teacher in 2022, working two days per week. Those families who have had a student in Danielle's program, know how effective she is at building the student's literacy skills.

Welcome Rodney

Last week we welcomed Rodney Wilson who is our new **Grounds & Maintenance person**. Rodney has made an immediate impact with the grounds looking fantastic!



Welcome to the BDPS team – Rodney

World Teachers Day

World Teachers Day is on next Friday October 29. We thank our extremely dedicated and highly skilled teachers at Beverford. We hope we can treat our teachers on this day!

Friday – Fun Day

This Friday, (October 22) when all students return to face to face learning, we will put on a free barbecue lunch and have a fun activity afternoon. If you do not wish for your child to have a sausage or burger, please send them with a lunch, or let us know what we can do as an alternative.



*Week 2 Award Winners: Principal Award – Maggie Bull.
Students of the Week – Angus Whimpress, Meg Van Liessum
and Lukas Hill (absent for photo)*

MHiPS Program

The school is involved in the **Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHiPS)** program in 2022. This pilot program provides extra funding for the school to employ a teacher for two and a half days. The teacher will coordinate the whole schools wellbeing programs including the School Wide Positive Behaviour Program. This position will be advertised later in the month.

Swimming Program

The Swimming Program begins on November 8 and will run for six sessions on Mondays and Thursdays. We will travel in by bus to the Swan Hill Leisure Centre to undertake the lessons. A permission note with more information will be sent home closer to the date.



Breakfast Club is back running every Wednesday morning