

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 4, Week 3

What's On at BDPS?

Calendar: Term 4, 2019	
Wednesday October 23	School Council 7pm
Friday October 25	Prep Transition Program Begins (9.00am – 11.30am each Friday)
Wednesday October 30	School Review Day 2
Thurs Oct 31 & Fri Nov 1	Evolve Principal's Program (Phil away)
Friday November 1	Beverford Tavern Raffle
Monday November 4	Cultural Awareness Staff Training Day Pupil Free Day
Tuesday November 5	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday November 6	Portsea Camp Applications due
Monday November 11	Remembrance Day Service Gr 5/6 Blast Cricket Golf Clinic 11/11, 18/11, 25/11, 2/12
Tuesday November 12	Gr 3/4 Blast Cricket Gr 5/6 Health Talk Session 1
Tuesday November 19	Gr 5/6 Health Talk Session 2
Tues Dec 3 – Wed Dec 11	Somers Camp
Thursday December 5	Forest of Xmas Trees Auction
Thursday December 12	Secondary College's Transition Day
Friday December 13	Whole School Transition Day Secondary College's Transition Day
Tuesday December 17	Proposed School Concert Date
Friday December 20	Last Day of School (1.20pm finish)

LUNCH ORDERS THIS FRIDAY

Homework & Maths Mate 3 Due Friday

Remember to read and fill out the Home Reading Diary



Teaching Staff Set for 2020

The school is in a great position with Mrs Blackmore and Miss Fairley continuing in their teaching positions at BDPS for 2020. It is wonderful to have our teaching staff for next year organised so early. Many schools are still chasing teachers in December for the following year.

Kaiti and Abbey are doing a wonderful job in delivering an engaging curriculum to the students. The students are very fortunate to be taught by two teachers who have such an emphasis on positive relationships and the social development of all students.

The Acting Principal role at the school will be organised later in the term.

Principal's Report

Welcome Back for Term 4!

Yesterday School Council President Sophie Shadbolt and I were involved in the first day of the School Review with the four other panelist. It was a long day, but a very informative and purposeful one.

The review day included going over the highlights of the 2016 – 2019 Strategic Plan period. These included:

- Re-connecting with Small Schools Planning Group & District Community of Practice.
- Development of Instructional Model and introduction of Learning Intentions & Success Criteria.
- Extra Curricula activities & Extravaganza Performances
- Academic Success of 85% or more of students at or above their prescribed level in English & Maths

The goals from the Strategic Plan were looked over and all goals were either met or partially met, which was pleasing. Classrooms were visited and a consistent approach including strong questioning, explicit feedback and high levels of student engagement and interaction were observed. The panel also commented that the newly developed gradual release of responsibility instructional model at the school was evident. Most students questioned were able to articulate what they were learning and why, and also how they knew if they were successful or not.

The remainder of the day was spent validating the proficiency data against the Department of Education's six High Impact improvement initiatives which include; 1. Building practice excellence, 2. Curriculum planning and assessment, 3. Building Leadership Teams, 4. Empowering students and building school pride, 5. Setting expectations and promoting inclusion, 6. Building communities.

The panel devised two terms of reference questions around teaching and learning at BDPS that will be further investigated on the Field Work Day next Wednesday October 30 when the panel re-convenes.

The panel will also then work together to come up with three goals for the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan around student achievement, student engagement and student wellbeing. Under these goals will include target evidence and actions.

A reminder to listen to your child read and question them about what they have read to check for comprehension.

This week we congratulate the following students on their awards.

Junior Student of the Week

Quordel Thomas – For showing persistence in working towards his goals in writing.

Senior Student of the Week

Billy Matthews – For working hard in all areas and developing his leadership skills.

Principal Award

Eden Moloney – For being an outstanding leader and always setting a great example for others to follow.

Enjoy your Week,
Thanks, Phil



Principal Award Winner: Eden Moloney

Swimming Program

The Swimming Program kicked off with a 'splash' on Monday. The program looks a little different for the senior students who will be endeavouring to complete the new Water Safety levels. This is mandatory for all Primary School students, with a minimum level to be attained before the completion of Grade 6.

Good Luck Liam

We wish Liam Shadbolt all the very best as he represents the school at the State Track & Field Championship in Melbourne tomorrow (Thursday October 24) in the high jump. Good luck Liam!

MARC Library News - Term 4, 2019

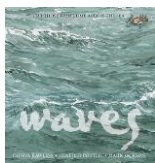
Welcome back to Term 4! The MARC van is stocked and ready for borrowing for the rest of the Term up until week 9. This Term classes will be focusing on comics and graphic novels, such as The Bad Guys, The Pigeon Series of stories and several other graphic novels. We will also touch on different forms of poetry and of course be making Christmas craft!

I have purchased several new items both Fiction and picture story so please encourage your children to borrow regularly from the van.

Each MARC book has a sticker of a van on the front to show that they belong to MARC. Children are able to borrow each week from the MARC van. Please let me know if books are missing and cannot be found.

Enjoy your Reading!! Mrs. Kylie Leahy

Just a few of the new titles available from the MARC Van this term- all shortlisted books.



Student of the Week Award Winners: Billy & Quordel

Portsea Camp

Any families interested in sending their Grade 4-6 child to the Portsea Camp from January 11 to 17. Application forms are available at the office. Applications are due November 6.



Home Reading Award Winners: Jackson & Eden

School Council Meeting Tonight

A reminder to School Councilors that we have a meeting tonight at 7pm at the school. An information package was sent home on Monday.

Grade 5/6 Personal Develop Sessions

The annual Grade 5/6 Health Talks are scheduled for Tuesday November 12 and 19. Information about this program was sent home last week. It is an opt-out process. Please contact me at school if you wish to have your child withdrawn from the sessions.

Golf Clinics

As a part of the Sporting Schools Grant money that was successfully applied for the school will be hosting golf clinics. Murray Downs Golf Pro – Shane McHenry will run the sessions in junior and senior groups over four Mondays starting on November 11. The school has also used the funding to purchase a Primary School golf kit with junior clubs and safe practice balls.



Poppy Appeal – on sale at school

RSL Poppy Appeal

The school has goods for sale as pictured above to support the RSL Poppy Appeal. Students may bring in the correct money to purchase the items listed below:

- Poppy – 20c
- Small Poppy brooch - \$1
- Poppy brooch Type 1 - \$2
- Poppy brooch Type 2 - \$5
- Pen - \$5
- Key Ring - \$4
- Wrist Band - \$3

These items will be for sale up to November 11, unless sold out before. We thank families for their support.



Miss Fairley, Mr Cox and Karla Barnes working with their swimming groups



Swim Instructor Gayle Tofful works with her group