

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 4, Week 1



What's On at BDPS?

Calendar: Term 4, 2019	
Monday October 7	Term 4 Begins
Friday October 11	Somers Camp Application Due Back
Friday October 18	Swan Hill College Transition visit 2.30pm
Monday October 21	Swimming Program Begins October 21, 23, 28, 30 & November 1
Tuesday October 22	School Review Day 1
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
Monday November 11	Remembrance Day Service
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

SLIP, SLOP, SLAP & SEEK

As a part of our SunSmart Policy all students must wear their school broad brimmed hat whenever they are outside. These hats will stay in student's lockers and kept at school.

As a SunSmart accredited school, we have a UV indicator widget on our website which we review to ensure levels are safe. Students will be encouraged to put on sunscreen before they go out to lunch, but it will be available at all times. I encourage families to apply sunscreen before coming to school.



LUNCH ORDERS THIS FRIDAY

Homework & Maths Mate 1 Due Friday

Remember to read and fill out the Home Reading Diary

Principal's Report

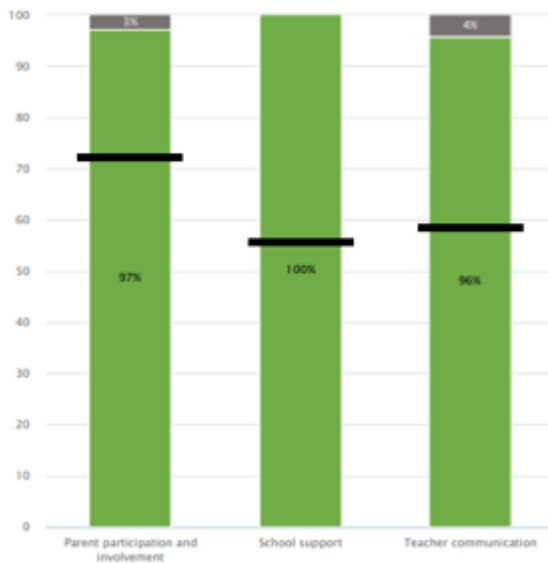
Welcome Back for Term 4!

Welcome back to the final term of 2019. At assembly on Monday I spoke to the students about how proud I was to have been the Acting Principal at BDPS for 12 months. We have made many changes to policies & procedures, curriculum, assessment and communication in that time. The excellent results from staff, student and parent opinion surveys is evidence that these changes have been well received by everyone involved at the school.

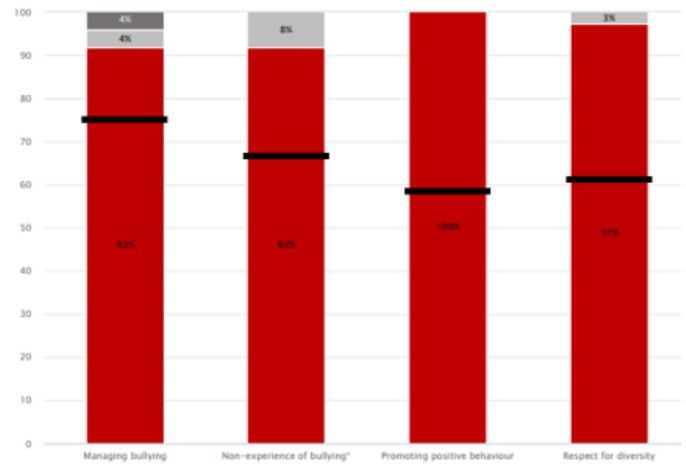
The preliminary results from the 2019 Parent Opinion Survey have arrived back at school and have been analysed and celebrated by staff. Below are some of the key areas that the school has made substantial growth in. The black line is results from last year and the coloured section is the percentage of positive results received for each area in 2019. All of the results and information will be presented at the next School Council Meeting.

The staff of the school are extremely proud of the parent opinion results as displayed and thank you for the positive partnerships we have formed with every home.

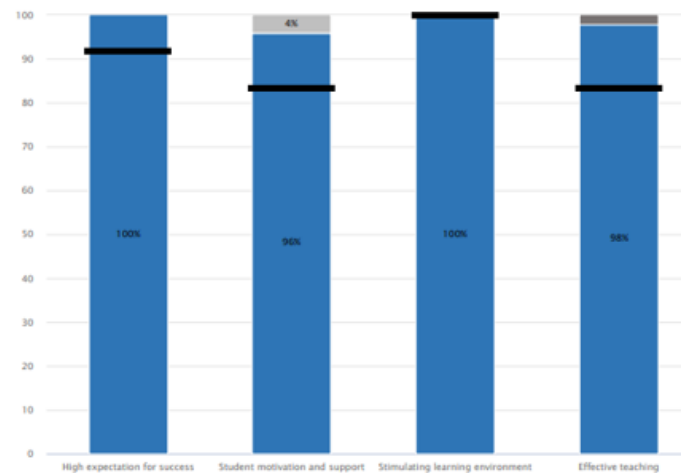
Community & Parent Engagement



Safety & Positive Climate of School



Excellence in Teaching & Learning



Enjoy your Week,
Thanks, Phil

Regional Athletics

On Monday October 14, we have three students competing in the Loddon Mallee Regional Athletics in Bendigo. Billy will be competing in the 11 year old high jump after clearing 1.30m at the regionals. Zach will be competing in the 12 year old discuss after throwing 20.21m and Liam has qualified through invitation for the 12 year old high jump as he was in Darwin after his high jump event at regionals was postponed.

The boys have been practicing at school this week and will represent the school to the best of their abilities. Well done and good luck to Billy, Zach and Liam.

Farmer's Market

On Sunday we manned the entrances, set up and packed up the Farmer's Market at Riverside Park. Thanks again for those parents and friends who volunteered and gave up some of their Sunday to raise funds for the school. That is it for the markets for this year.

Art Display and Country Cuppa Event (Advertisement)

Next Sunday October 13 there will be an Art Display and Country Cuppa Event at the Beverford Tavern. Starting at 2 will be the Country Cuppa Event which is an initiative of the Rural Women's Network which will be a social "get together" followed by the opening of the art display of local artists work on Tavern Walls.

We hope that this will be the start of ongoing displaying of local art on the Tavern walls. Please come along and bring your friends. Can you reply back if coming so we know numbers for catering? Thanks Ann Young.

Somers Camp

We have 6 students (Eden, Violet, Billy, Lukas, Liam & Zach) attending Somers Camp from December 3 to 11 this year. An information package was sent home late last term. Please ensure the application form and medical form are returned to school by Friday as they need to be scanned and sent to the camp.

Swimming Program

The Swimming Program will take place during Week 3 and 4 this term at the Leisure Centre in Swan Hill. Students will participate in 5 x 1 hour lessons between 1.45pm and 2.45pm on October 21, 23, 28, 30 and November 1. Students will be placed in leveled groups during the sessions. Swan Hill Bus Lines will be transporting the staff and students to the Leisure Centre departing school at 1.20pm and returning before the end of the school day. A permission note with further information will go home next week.

Swan Hill Little Athletics Centre Inc.

COME & TRY NIGHTS
OCTOBER 11th & 18th

Swan Hill Little Athletics Club offers weekly competition and lots of fun for children from ages 5-16

New families are invited to join us for the 2019-20 Track & Field Season

3-4 events each Friday night

- 1-2 track events
- 1-2 field events
- Coaching & Competitions

Venue:
KEN HARRISON SPORTING COMPLEX
Back Oval, Yarrs Street
Swan Hill

Register online at www.lavic.com.au for come & try days then pay later if you decide to complete the season

For more information:
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Or check out our Facebook page

FAMILY FUN & FITNESS

Competition Nights begin:
Friday 25th October at 5pm

Prep Transition Program

The transition program for the 2020 Prep students will begin on Friday October 25 and will run every Friday for the remainder of the term. The program will run from 9.00am to 11.30am each Friday and then for full days on December 6 & 13. An information note has been sent to the students we know are attending next year. If you are aware of any other families that may consider our school, please let me know and I will contact them with the transition information. It is projected that we will have at least 4 Prep students starting next year, which is very exciting.

We are taking enrolments for all year levels, so when possible advertise the school to other families through word of mouth. It would be great to grow our school!

Leaping Liam

Congratulations to Liam Shadbolt who represented Victoria in the National Track & Field Championship in Darwin on the last day of Term 3. Liam did an outstanding job in the 12 year old boy's high jump clearing 1.55m. Only 3 boys cleared a height higher than this.

We are very proud of Liam's hard work and motivation to do his best in something he is passionate and very talented at.



Liam competing at the National Championship

Swan Hill Show

Well done to the students who entered art work, handwriting, photography and other items in last weekend's Swan Hill Show. Congratulations to those students who received awards for their entries. Well done to Eden who received a best exhibit award (pictured below).



School Review

I attended a planning meeting on Tuesday to organise the first day of our school review which will take place on Tuesday October 22. Many documents, policies, procedures, self evaluations and student data have already been sent to our reviewer Chris Tanner and the other panel members.

The panel consists of six team members including:

- Craig Tanner (Reviewer)
- Graeme Scoberg (SEIL)
- Sophie Shadbolt (Council President)
- Marty Gray (Assistant Principal – Swan Hill North)
- Kristie Bennett (Principal – Woorinen District PS)
- Phil Cox (Acting Principal)

The first day on October 22 is entitled the Validation Day, during this day the panel will validate the self evaluation and school data to assess whether the school has met the goals set in the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan. The process also assesses the school against the Department of Education's Framework of Improving Student Outcomes (FISO). There are 16 dimensions in this framework that the school is assessed against. This self assessment will help form goals for the next strategic plan.

During the Validation Day the panel will also observe the classrooms in action and speak to students about their thoughts, opinions and experiences at the school. If the reviewer requires further information a parent forum may be organised on the second review day on Wednesday October 30. If required this will be advertised through the newsletter.

At the conclusion of the review the school will be able to construct the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan that will set goals and actions for the next four years. If you have any questions about the process or feel strongly about being involved on the second review day on October 30, please contact me at school.

Power Outage

Today we stepped back in time. For the majority of the day we did not have electricity as PowerCor replaced a power pole on the corner of School Road and the highway. We survived and even still had our Wednesday Warm Ups thanks to Kylie using a generator.

We have set guidelines and procedures to follow when there is a power in our Emergency Management Plan, along with many other scenarios that could potentially effect the school operations.