

# Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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September 17, 2025

Term 3, Week 9



## What's On at BDPS?

<u>Term 3, 2025</u>	
Wednesday September 17	100 Year Celebration Committee Meeting – 6pm School Council – 7pm
Thursday September 18	Gr. 5/6 Jobs Expo – Swan Hill
Friday September 19	Footy Colours Day Term 3 Ends (2.20pm finish)
<u>Term 4, 2025</u>	
Monday October 6	Term 4 begins
Tues October 14 & 21	Grade 5/6 Health Talks
Wednesday October 15	School Council – 7pm
Sunday October 26	100 Year Celebration School Colour Run
Monday November 3	Pupil Free Day – Curriculum Planning
Tuesday November 4	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Mon Nov 10 to Wed Nov 12	Swimming Program Week 1 (3 sessions)
Mon Nov 17 to Wed Nov 19	Swimming Program Week 2 (3 sessions)
Fri November 21 & 28	Prep Transition Day 1 & 2 (9.00am – 11.30am)
Wednesday November 26	School Council – 7pm
Friday December 5	Prep Transition Day 3 (9.00am – 1.30pm)
Tuesday December 9	Prep Transition Day 4 (9.00am – 1.30pm)
Friday December 19	Term 4 Ends: 1.20pm finish

## R U OK DAY

On Thursday September 11 the school acknowledged R U Ok Day by having a free dress day and activities around supporting and looking after our friends and family.

Students received an R U Ok? Biscuit from At Forty-One and they were delicious.

Students and Mrs Blackmore have been learning about how to be a good friend and a kind school community in our weekly Wellbeing sessions.



*Students on R U Ok? Day with their special biscuits!*

## REMINDER

**FINAL DAY OF TERM 3 – Friday September 19**  
Footy Colours Day  
Early Finish – 2.20pm

# Principal's Report

## Happy Spring Break

It has been another **wonderful term at BDPS**. Our students continue to learn and thrive in our very special setting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents & carers for the positive partnerships created and nurtured this year with our teachers. It certainly creates a supportive environment for our students to learn.

On Friday September 5 we hosted the annual **Fathers and Friends Big Breakfast**. It was very well attended and a great way to thank those people who are so very important to us. We hope everyone had a great Father's Day.

We congratulate Ryan and Harrison who represented the school at the **Mallee Regional Athletics Sports** on Monday September 15. Ryan competed in hurdles and high jump, while Harrison represented the school in hurdles, 100m and relay. Ryan cleared a personal best in high jump and Harrison came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in hurdles. Well done boys!

The 2026 **Parent Opinion Survey** is currently open until the end of term. A note has been sent home about the online survey with the web address and access code.

We have **100-year anniversary celebration** meeting on Wednesday September 17 at 6.00pm. It will be before the School Council Meeting. It would be great to see some parents and councilors at the meeting. There will be lots to organise and do on the day. The big day is Sunday October 26 and will include a Colour Run, lunch and live entertainment.

We celebrated and acknowledged **R U Ok? Day** last Thursday September 11 by having a free dress day. Students have been learning how to be supportive friends in their weekly Wellbeing sessions. This day is a timely reminder for us all to check up on someone and reach out to those who may be struggling.

The school council funded **BDPS School Bags** have been distributed to all students in Grade P-5. It is an expectation that these bags are used daily for school. Please label your child's bag to make it more easily to identify. A key tag is also a great way to individualise the bag.

In **staffing news**, Miss Elford has informed us she is moving to Queensland at the beginning of next year with her partner. We thank Tamika for her amazing contribution to the school and look forward to working with her for the remainder of the year. We will be advertising a teaching position for 2026.

We have new signage along school road to highlight the **Bus Zone**. Please do not park in this zone between 8.30am and 3.45pm on school days.

We congratulate the following students on their recent awards:

### Mathematics Awards:

W7: Florence, Sienna & Onyx

### Junior Student of the Week

W7: William

### Middle Student of the Week

W7: Poppy

### Senior Student of the Week

W7: Ally

### Principal's Award

W7: Isaac

Have a great week.  
Thanks Phil



Week 7 Principal Award Winner: Isaac



Week 7 Home Reading Award Winners: Poppy, Mikayla, Max & Ada



Week 7 Student of the Week Winners: Poppy, Ally & William



Father's Day Breakfast



Week 7 Maths Award Winners: Sienna, Onyx & Florence



Father's Day Breakfast



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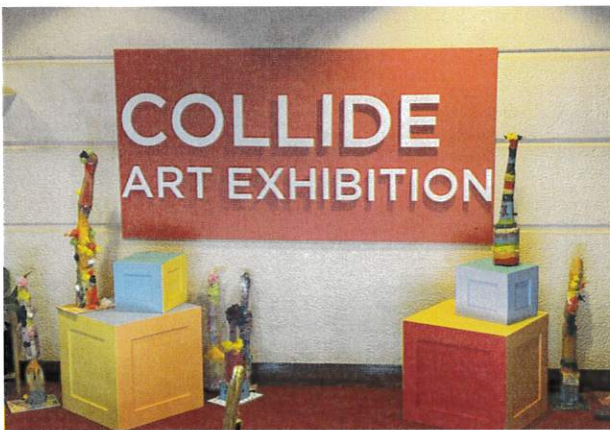
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*Harrison competing in the Hurdles*



*Ryan competing in the high jump*



*Staff visited the Collide Art Exhibition on Friday – it was amazing and features BDPS student's work.*



*Garden has been very busy for the past few weeks. Max did a lot of weeding.*



*Indi watering the vegie patch*



# WELLBEING



with Mrs Blackmore

## Hey everyone, It's good to be back!

Thanks to everyone for welcoming me back so warmly this term! I am so pleased to be back in role of Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader. This is a role I am so passionate about! I look forward to continuing the important work of supporting the wellbeing of all students, staff, and families within our school community. I am available on Mondays and Wednesdays and encourage parents and carers to reach out if you would like to discuss any wellbeing matters, seek support, or access resources. Please don't hesitate to pop in and see me or contact me via the school phone or email.



## R U Ok Day! -Thanks

A big thank you to our school community for wearing yellow and showing such wonderful support for R U OK? Day. Across the school, every class took part in learning about the importance of checking in with others and being a "Listening Legend." Students explored how to notice when a friend might not seem like themselves, and what they can do to help – from asking gentle questions, to listening with care, and encouraging friends to talk to a trusted adult if they need extra support. Your support helps us continue to build a caring and connected community where everyone feels seen and valued.

## Raising Healthy Minds App

The Raising Healthy Minds app is a free, personalised, pocket resource to help parents and carers raise confident, resilient children. Co-designed with parents and experts and funded by the Australian Government, Raising Healthy Minds aims to support children's social and emotional wellbeing with evidence-based information. You'll find information on topics like dealing with worries and making friends, as well as ideas for day-to-day life, like creating family routines, looking after yourself as a parent, and building strong relationships.

The app offers a mix of quick-read articles, videos and animations aimed at parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years. You can tailor information to the age of your child and opt-in to receive helpful tips.

Raising Healthy Minds provides simple-to-use information at your fingertips with clear actions you can start today.

Download from Google Play or the App Store or go to [raisingchildren.net.au/rhm](http://raisingchildren.net.au/rhm) to learn more and raise a healthy mind 🧠😊

## SWPBS



SWPBS is a fantastic program that we have implemented into the school to teach a broad range of strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes, while preventing problem behaviour.

Our School Values are RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND RESILIENCE. These values are explicitly taught throughout the year to all students during our wellbeing lessons and are broken down into school areas including, the classroom, the yard, the bus ect. Our learning community statements are then displayed in our SWPB matrix which students can find around the school. Students are rewarded with a 'tick' on their chart when they are seen displaying one of our values. Once they have reached 5 ticks, they receive a correlating wrist band to proudly wear! Attached in this newsletter you will find a copy of our SWPBS Behaviour Matrix



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage











4. Check in



# Beverford District Primary Schools Positive Behaviour Matrix



We are a learning community that is...

	Respectful We:	Responsible We:	Resilient We:
 <b>All Areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- speak to others how we would want to be spoken to</li> <li>- use please and thank you</li> <li>- listen when spoken to</li> <li>- answer when asked a question</li> <li>- use kind words and apologise when mistakes are made</li> <li>- raise our hand and wait our turn to speak</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- take turns</li> <li>- use school property correctly</li> <li>- put equipment away after use</li> <li>- keep our hands and feet to ourselves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- always tell the truth</li> <li>- own our mistakes</li> <li>- accept that accidents happen</li> </ul>
 <b>Shared Areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- leave the spaces and equipment ready for someone else to use.</li> <li>- walk quietly</li> <li>- listen carefully to instructions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- keep our shared areas clean and tidy</li> <li>- help others when needed</li> <li>- use our inside voices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- work together as a Team</li> <li>- wait patiently</li> <li>- share school equipment</li> <li>- accept who our partner/buddy is</li> <li>- try new things</li> </ul>
 <b>Classroom</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- complete our jobs to the best of our ability</li> <li>- use our inside voice</li> <li>- listen to Teachers and guests</li> <li>- we sit in our seats properly</li> <li>- allow others to learn</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- follow all instructions</li> <li>- keep our tub and table clean and tidy</li> <li>- put things away after we use them</li> <li>- take turns</li> <li>- focus on our learning</li> <li>- arrive on time after each break</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- keep our eyes on our own work</li> <li>- do our best to achieve our goals</li> <li>- work together as a Team</li> <li>- wait patiently</li> <li>- continue to try even when it gets hard</li> </ul>
 <b>Yard/Games</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- take turns</li> <li>- follow the game rules</li> <li>- include people in games</li> <li>- share the space and equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- pack up after ourselves and help others as well</li> <li>- make sure games are fair and fun for everyone</li> <li>- pack up as soon as the bell rings</li> <li>- use the equipment correctly</li> <li>- ask to come inside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- apologise if we hurt someone</li> <li>- celebrate the success of others during games</li> <li>- accept when we go "out" in a game.</li> <li>- wait our turn</li> <li>- see a Peer Mediator to try and solve our problems before seeing a Yard duty teacher</li> </ul>
 <b>Deck</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- finish eating before we go to play</li> <li>- walk quietly</li> <li>- use the deck for sitting and eating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- put our rubbish in the bin.</li> <li>- stay seated when we are eating</li> <li>- only have 2 people seated on each bench</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- accept who sits next to us</li> </ul>
 <b>Bus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- listen to the bus driver and follow their instructions</li> <li>- use our inside voices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- are safe on the bus and don't distract the driver</li> <li>- stay seated when the bus is moving</li> <li>- keep our devices in our bags</li> <li>- wear our seatbelts</li> <li>- sit in our assigned seats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- accept who sits next to us</li> </ul>
 <b>Toilets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- keep the walls, floors and stalls clean</li> <li>- let everyone have their privacy</li> <li>- use the toilet for its correct purpose</li> <li>- talk quietly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- wash our hands</li> <li>- flush the toilet</li> <li>- use the soap for washing our hands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- use the toilets during break time</li> </ul>
 <b>Excursion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- listen to all teachers, parents and volunteers</li> <li>- follow instructions</li> <li>- use our manners</li> <li>- only touch what we are allowed to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- stay with our group</li> <li>- represent our values of the school</li> <li>- complete any set tasks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- accept the group we are put in</li> <li>- wait patiently</li> <li>- try all activities</li> </ul>

# What's happening at Swan Hill Library these School Holidays...

Library activities are available 22 September - 3 October 2025

To book, contact the library on 5036 2480. Check the Library's Facebook page or newsletter for more details.



## Creation Station - All holidays

**Open Daily: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM | FREE | Suitable for children of all ages**  
 Visit the Creation Station in the children's area of the library during the school holidays! Let your creativity run wild as you draw, cut, paste, colour, and craft with a variety of materials. Explore activity booklets, build unique creations, and discover the fun of working with recycled items like wool, fabric, coloured paper, and more! It's the perfect place for children to unleash their imagination!



## The Amazing Race Search & Find - All holidays

**All holidays | FREE | Suitable for children 5 - 12**  
 These school holidays, search the library for hidden Amazing Race themed posters! Find them all to score a reward and go in the draw to win a \$50 Swan Hill Gift Card! Winner drawn Tuesday, 7 October 2025. Ready, set...race!  
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*PS.* Swan Hill Inc. is also delivering an Amazing Race! A fun, family-friendly activity these September school holidays, encouraging families to get out, explore local businesses, and enjoy the adventure together. Keep an ear out on Mixx FM 107.7 and 3SH for all the latest race updates!



## Build, Battle, & Blast Off: Minecraft & VR Fun - Mon, 22 & 29 Sept

**1 - 4pm | FREE | Suitable for children 5 - 18**  
 Join us for an afternoon of Minecraft fun! Play in Survival or Creative mode - explore, build, or break things apart. This child-friendly game sparks imagination and creativity, just like digital LEGO!



## Kids Create: Smoothies - Tues, 23 Sept.

**2 - 3pm | FREE | Suitable for children ages 2 - 5**  
 Join Swan Hill District Community Health for this healthy, hands-on activity. Children will enjoy listening to a beautiful children's story before making some yummy smoothies!  
[Bookings essential.](#)



## Brick by Brick: Build Your Imagination - Wed, 24 Sept & 1 Oct

**2 - 4pm | FREE | Suitable for children 3 - 18**  
 Come along and enjoy the fun with our free Lego @ the Library sessions these school holidays! Complete one of the many challenges or enjoy free-play using your imagination to make a fantastic creation for a chance to win a prize!



## Get Creative with Loom Bands - Wed, 24 Sept & 1 Oct

**2 - 4pm | FREE | Suitable for children 7 +**  
 Join us for two free loom band sessions these school holidays! Whether you're a beginner or have already mastered the art of loom band crafting, come along and create some amazing jewellery and crafts. We'll provide everything you need, including loom bands, boards, and hooks, to make your own creations!





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## **Paint & Play: Wind Chime Creations with Bunnings - Thurs 25 Sept**

**10:30 - 11:30am | FREE | Suitable for children ages 3-12**

Add colour, creativity, and music to your world by building and painting your very own wind chime! This fun craft lets you decorate these cute-as-a-bug wooden designs with bright paints and your imagination! Once it's dry, hang it up and listen as your colourful creation dances in the breeze with gentle, happy sounds. A great project for little artists who love to create and hear their art sing!

[Bookings essential.](#)



## **Little Builder's Toolbox Time - Tues 30 Sept**

**10:30 - 11:30am | \$8 | Suitable for children ages 5 -12**

Join the Swan Hill Woodworkers Club and the Nyah Men's Shed for a fun, hands-on activity where kids can build their very own wooden toolbox! With help from friendly experts, you'll hammer, nail, and assemble a real toolbox. A great way to learn new skills, get creative, and take home something useful and awesome!

[Bookings essential.](#)



## **Build-a-Bot: Micro:bit Adventures - a STEM activity - Thurs 2 Oct**

**10:30am - 12:30pm | FREE | Suitable for children 12+**

Build it, code it, make it move!

Dive into STEM fun with the 32-in-1 micro:bit Wonder Building Kit. With endless ways to build and code, tech assistants will be on-hand to help with creating cool gadgets, silly machines, and so much more!

[Limited places. Bookings essential.](#)



## **Treasure Box Decorating with Bunnings - Thurs 2 Oct**

**2 - 3pm | FREE | Suitable for children 3 - 12**

Get creative and design your very own treasure chest! Use colourful paints, glittery gems, and sparkly decorations to make a magical box that's as unique as you are. Perfect for storing keepsakes, secret treasures, or giving as a special gift. Let your imagination shine!

[Bookings essential.](#)



## **Crafternoon Fun! - Friday, 3 Oct**

**2 - 4pm | FREE | Suitable for primary school age children +**

Get creative these school holidays with a fun-filled Crafternoon session! There'll be a range of exciting and engaging activities for children to enjoy, with something for every kind of creative mind. Each project is unique, full of personality, and designed to inspire imagination and self-expression. All materials are provided—just bring your creativity and let the fun begin!

