



# Beechboro Bulletin

STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

ISSUE 1

7 FEBRUARY 2024

## School Information

### SCHOOL HOURS

Classrooms Open 8.30am  
Class Starts 8.45am  
Class Finishes 3.00pm

### Principal

Vanda Mort

### Deputy Principals

Sarah Barton  
Emma Herbert

## CANTEEN

Wednesday & Friday

## UNIFORM SHOP

Wed 9.00 - 9.30am

Fri 9.00 - 9.30am

**CASH ONLY**

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## Dates for the Diary

**TERM 1 2024 31.1.24 - 28.3.24**

<b>7 FEB</b>	Canteen & Uniform Shop Reopening
<b>16 FEB</b>	Assembly Faction Capt & Student Councillors
<b>1 MAR</b>	Assembly Room 11
<b>4 MAR</b>	Public Holiday
<b>11-22 MAR</b>	NAPLAN

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*I wish to acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land Beechboro Primary School stands on. And pay my respects to the Noongar elders past and present, and acknowledge their advice in our teaching and cultural knowledge.*

I'd like to wish a warm welcome to all our families to the 2024 school year. I especially extend a warm welcome to the new students and their families, who have joined our Beechboro PS community this year. I hope you enjoy your time here at BPS. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the deputies, Ms Herbert and Mrs Andrews, and the whole school staff, for their preparation, planning and professionalism for the start of the school year, for carrying on brilliantly during my absence last week, when I was unwell with COVID.

We had a very warm start to the year last week, and the weather is heading towards heatwave conditions again from tomorrow, Thursday. The students are in well air-conditioned classrooms, which keeps temperatures down so the students can continue their learning program in comfort. Even with the short power outage we experienced last week, we were able to accommodate students in other areas of the school that were airconditioned. Parents and caregivers, please feel confident to send your children to school and know that they will be cool. If the weather reaches the expected extreme heat as predicted, students will remain in classrooms at lunchtime in a similar fashion as wet weather. Please provide a large water bottle for your child/children to keep on their desks inside so they can stay hydrated, only water please. This is far more hygienic than drinking **straight** from the taps which are not refrigerated. We have all student's well-being in mind and will keep them out of extreme weather conditions.

Walking around the classrooms I can see students dressed in their green and gold school uniforms. Thank you to the volunteers from the P&C who run the uniform shop and, also to you, the parents, and caregivers for your efforts in following the school dress code and for providing the supplies listed on the resource lists, which are needed for the student's learning program. If you are having difficulty in providing the basics, please come and see me to arrange assistance for you in providing essential items.

Please remember we are not a before/ and after school care provider, so please arrange to drop off and pick up your children on time. The classroom doors open at 8.30am. Any students who arrive at school before this time need to go the under covered area and sit and wait to be dismissed by a member of the administration team. All playground equipment is banned from use before school. School finishes at 3.00pm in the afternoon, therefore unless going on after school care buses, students need to be picked up by this time.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

They should not be left in the office to be supervised by staff. We are seeing some patterns developing already and students are remaining in the office sometimes until 4.00pm. If there is an emergency, please organise for a family member or friend to pick up your child/children on time, and please be courteous and phone the school office to notify us that you will be late if you can't find anyone else to pick them up. This is not to be a regular daily occurrence.

Please remember our school newsletters are only produced fortnightly on even weeks of school terms. They are only available on our fabulous website, and BPS and P&C Facebook pages.

I'd like to invite the school community to our first assembly next week the student councillors and faction captains.

Vanda Mort  
Principal

### 2024 STAFF – TERM ONE

Principal: Mrs Vanda Mort

Deputy Principals: Ms Emma Herbert and Mrs Nicole Andrews

Manager Corporate Services: Mrs Emma-Lee Wratten

School Officer: Mrs Stephanie Maciejak

Kambarang 1: Ms E Lane / Mrs J Roberts (Friday)/ Ms N Stenton

Kambarang 2: Mrs E Lydon/ Mrs L Glick (Tuesday)/ Mrs D Jones

Kambarang 3: Mrs G Herron/ Mrs L Glick (Wednesday)/ Ms J Bailey

Bunuru 14: Ms J Wood

Bunuru 15: Ms S Leech

Bunuru 16: Mrs N Ellison (Mon - Wed)/ Mrs M Jovanovic (Thurs - Fri)

Bunuru 13: Ms V Meredith

Bunuru 12: Ms Riley/ Ms L Folland

Bunuru 11: Mrs G Bromilow (Mon-Wed)/ Ms Riley (Thurs - Fri)

Bunuru 10: Ms M Seth

Birak 9: Mr N Abraham

Birak 8: Mrs L Walker ( Mon-Wed)/ Mr D Beament (Thurs-Fri)

Music: Ms K Raynsford ( Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

Art: Ms R Laneaux ( Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

Phys Ed: Mr B Pelham

Library Officer: Ms Stacey Michalk

Whole School Education Assistants: Mrs N Turnbull, Mrs D O'Brien, Mrs L Rodrigues, Ms V Abilash

School Gardener: Mr P Bode

### ATTENDANCE

**Legal Information** - *The School Education Act 1999* requires parents/care givers to send their child/children to school every day the school is open for instruction unless there is a good reason for them not to attend. It is illegal not to send your child to school.

It is required that parents contact the school each time their child/children is/are absent with a suitable reason as the school is required to record an authorised or unauthorised absence on the Education Department's Information system.

**Every day counts!** Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education and we aim to achieve a 90% or above attendance rate for all students. Students learn every day and missing school unnecessarily puts them at educational risk. Attendance patterns are established early – children who miss school days in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years. There are no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

The main reasons for absences are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school because they are ill. It's vital that they are only away on the days they are genuinely sick. If a child has any period of illness, it is a requirement of parents to provide an explanation for the absence their child has from the classroom. This can be done via the SMS service, handwritten note, or phone call to the office. Please make sure you have included the child's name and room number in your message. Longer illnesses will require a medical certificate wherever possible.

**Holidays**- Where possible holidays should be planned during school holidays not during the school term if it can be avoided. The Principal must approve extended holidays, otherwise it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. You must come to the school office and complete a form notifying the school of your departure and return dates.

## LATE ARRIVALS

The Education Department is continually improving protocols to manage attendance in schools. All **students who arrive at school after the 8.45am siren are required to come to the school office to obtain a late card to hand to their classroom teacher.** If you go straight to the classroom, you will be sent back to the office to collect one. This includes Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students.

## NAPLAN 2024

NAPLAN online this year for all Year 3 and 5 students, will be held in Term 1 from the 13 March - 25 March, Weeks 7 and 8. If you are concerned about your child completing the tests, make an appointment with the classroom teacher and discuss your concerns. Where appropriate and after discussion with the test administrator a withdrawal from testing can be arranged through the teacher or School Principal. An information flyer has gone home with this newsletter for you to read about the testing.

## STUDENT SAFETY

The students in our care are our top priority, and we endeavour to keep them safe during a school day. If you need to drop off lunches during the day, **please come through the school office and sign in and out.** It only takes a few minutes of your time, and we can make sure that authorised visitors are the only people who have access to the school and the students.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

We are now receipting voluntary contributions which go towards provisions of educational resources. The School Council has approved the contribution of \$40 per child. If paid before the end of February it is discounted to \$35 per child. We are very appreciative for your support in paying this fee. This can be paid in cash or via EFTPOS at the school office.

## ONLINE SERVICES PERMISSION 2024

We are required to inform caregivers of the third-party services children may use via the school, and in some cases, gain approval for your child's information to be provided to these organisations. We are very careful with the organisations we work with and only share information necessary for the services to occur. A note was sent home last week with all students along with the **Online Safety Agreement, Media Consent form 2024 and the Texts with G or PG classification consent form,** seeking caregivers permission to allow access to the sites listed in the note. If you did not receive one, please check your child's bag or come to the office for a copy. Students will not be allowed to use iPads or computers unless we have parental permission, this includes NAPLAN and our whole school maths programme Maths Trek. Please return all forms as soon as possible to the office or classroom teacher.

## P & C AGM

The school acknowledges the tireless effort and work undertaken by our P and C committee and small group of volunteers in 2023 in the running of the canteen, uniform shop and other fundraising ventures, all in the name of our students and school. The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 15 March at 9am in the P& C room (uniform shop). All positions will be declared vacant, and nominees will be taken for all committee positions. Please come along and nominate for a committee position or just come to see what the P&C is all about, new members are very welcome! There is a \$1 joining fee which will be collected at the start of the meeting. "Many hands make light work"! If you are new to the school, it's a great way to meet other parents and get involved in the school.

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 1 is due back by Monday 12 February. All orders can be dropped into the library or front office.

# TERM 1 PLANNER 2024

MONDAY January 29  School Development Day	TUESDAY January 30  School Development Day	WEDNESDAY January 31  Students Commence	THURSDAY February 1	FRIDAY February 2
February 5	February 6	February 7  Canteen Reopening	February 8	February 9
February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16  Assembly Faction Captains & Councillors
February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23
February 26	February 27	February 28	February 29	March 1  Assembly Room 11
March 4  Labour Day	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8
March 11  NAPLAN Online →	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15  Assembly Room 15
March 18  NAPLAN Online →	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22
March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29  Good Friday