



Beechboro Bulletin

STUDENT _____

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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

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Dates for the Diary

TERM 1 2024 31.1.24 - 28.3.24

1 MAR	Assembly Room 11
4 MAR	Public Holiday
11-22 MAR	NAPLAN
15 MAR	Assembly Room 13 P&C AGM 9am
19 & 20 MAR	Parent/Teacher Interviews

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.

Welcome to Term One, Week Four! This term is a short term due to Easter, which falls on 31 March this year, so it's a bit scary when you realize we are nearly halfway through the term. The heat has been very unsettling, and I personally, am wondering just how many more heatwaves I can handle! However, I must congratulate all our resilient students who are taking the heat in their stride and carrying on with their learning programs as usual and to the classroom teachers, who are supervising students during lunchbreaks in their classrooms in comfortable air-conditioning, so the students can avoid the heat outside. Well done to everyone and hopefully we get the promised respite from the extreme heat from today and for the next day or two. 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. 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 needs to go to 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 and after school. Our head cleaner starts locking the gates at around 3.10, so that all cleaners can work safely around the school. Please do not sit and allow your children to play on the playground in the Early Childhood area. Once you have picked up your children, please head straight out to your car. School finishes at 3.00pm promptly, in the afternoon, therefore unless going on after school care buses, students need to be picked up by this time. 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 must not become a regular daily occurrence.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

Thank you to the Student Councillors and Factions for presenting the assembly last Friday. They performed and had the whole school joining into "A Ram Sam Sam Dance". A great uplifting performance for our first assembly for the year. Thanks to Mr Beament for organising the assembly.

In Week Five and Six, we have all the students participating in the Life Education Program. The empowering program from Kindy -Year 6 school children, promotes student's physical, social, and emotional health and well-being. BPS uses well-being funding to cover the cost of this program, so that all our students can attend.

Parent/ Teacher meetings will once again take place in Term One, during Week 8. Appointment letters will be coming home next week in Week 5. Please make sure you book a time and return the form to the classroom teacher and your time will be confirmed before Week 8. During this meeting topics of discussion will include, how your child has settled in, On Entry Assessment reports for Pre-Primary and Year One Students Individual Education Plans and Behaviour Management Plans. Meetings are only 10 minutes in length, so if you feel this isn't long enough for you, please ring the office so we can organise a longer appointment for you and the classroom teacher.

LATE ARRIVALS

Please remember if your child is late to school in the morning, they must collect a late note from the office and have their time of arrival recorded. Please do everything possible to get your child/ children ready for school on time.

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.

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. The return of all forms is now overdue.

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! Mums, dads, grandparents, carers, aunts and uncles are all invited to come along. There is a \$1 joining fee which will be collected at the start of the meeting. "Many hands make light work"! Speaking with the current executive last week, this year may be the year our P&C stops existing in the 36 years of BPS. I'd like to dispel the rumour that our P&C are "clicky" and are "not welcoming". This is totally untrue and unfounded. I can honestly say I have never met a friendlier group of ladies, who work so hard for our school. An organisation such as the P&C cannot effectively run with just 2 people running everything.

P&C AGM (continued)

If you are new to the school, it's a great way to meet other parents and get involved in the school. People who are spreading such unfounded rumours need to turn up to the meetings rather than hiding and badmouthing the few who work so hard. I am more than happy to speak with anyone who wishes to complain, so their issues can be sorted out. It would be such a shame to have no P&C at the school. Things that would change without a P&C – no uniform shop, uniform sales would be out-sourced and costs would go up. There would be no school canteen running at all. The canteen is solely run by volunteers from our school community parents and no fundraising to raise extra funds for the school. In the past the P&C have raised funds for Art, Maths, Reading Books, Big Day Out, and Free fun days, just a few of the things their fundraising has helped the school with over many years. Please give this matter lots of consideration before the AGM on 15 March 2024.

END OF TERM COLOUR RUN

On the last day of term, 28 March 2024, we will be holding a colour run for all the students at BPS. This is our way of thanking all the students for working so hard during the time. All students will also receive a Zooper Dooper at the end of the run! Students can change into a white t shirt and shorts for the run and it is suggested that they wear some kind of eye protection, such as swim goggles or sunglasses. Students will not be allowed to participate in their school uniform, so something old, white or light is the way to go. Further details to follow, with permission slips to participate coming home soon too.

KindiLink

0-4 year old family program

Any Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families in the Swan area welcome.

8.50am - 11.50am
Monday & Tuesday

BYO hat, water bottle & piece of fruit.

Music
Cooking
Family Fun
Art & Crafts
Outdoor Play
Culture & Language

Hosted by **Lockridge Primary**
Drop in to join us for any session or call
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