



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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HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH



Dates for the Diary

TERM 1 2024 31.1.24 - 28.3.24

21 MAR	Harmony Day
25 MAR	Kaboom Incursion
28 MAR	Colour Run

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.

This term has certainly flown by, and I welcome you to our last newsletter for the term. We are looking at revamping how we get the latest news out to parents, so stay tuned for changes to be introduced next term.

Last week and this week our Year 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN 2024. I spoke with many students after the testing and they were all very positive in the comments on how they thought they went. Above all NAPLAN is all about giving your best effort, which I am positive every student has done.

We are also well into the second day of Parent/Teacher interviews, which are all about reporting student progress in Term One. Thank you to the parents who have made the time to come in and speak with their child's classroom teacher.

Finally, it has been a very challenging first term dealing with the extreme heat for at least the first 5 weeks of this term. We managed to keep the students cool at recess and lunchtimes when temperatures were above 37 degrees Celsius, by allowing them to remain in the classrooms. All students were also encouraged to have water bottles on their desks to remain hydrated and when allowed outside (below 37) were asked to stay in the shade whenever possible.

I'd like to wish our school community a Happy Easter and 2 week holiday break and look forward to seeing all your smiling faces and some much needed cooler weather in Term 2.

Vanda Mort
Principal

P&C AGM

2024, will see the P & C continue to run. Elections were held on Friday 15 March, and I am pleased to announce and congratulate the following office bearers and executive committee.

President: Chanel Kane, Vice President: Ries Stephenson, Treasurer: Kate Herd, Secretary: Nina Davila. Executive Committee: Carmen Daniel, Belinda Stephenson, Twinky Mendosa, Jo Manansala, Kate Prentice and Jessica Kruger.

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 fun! Students can come to school for the day dressed in their colour run clothes, and it is suggested that they wear some kind of eye protection, such as swim goggles or sunglasses. Parents Please Note: Students will not be allowed to participate in their school uniform, and permission slips must be signed and returned to classroom teachers to be able to participate. Permission notes have gone home today. Please read it carefully, sign it and return to your classroom teacher.

KABOOM

On Monday, 25 March, we will welcome KABOOM Percussion to BPS. All students will attend the performance without cost to parents. The shows are designed to be accessible, inclusive, inspiring, and most importantly fun! This year students will have multiple aspects of the "Science of Sound", demonstrated in a fun and engaging way, while showing students how they can recycle and reuse everyday items to craft their own unique musical creations. It is bound to be an excellent incursion for 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. This is the first increase in contributions since 2019. We are very appreciative for your support in paying this fee, which goes a long way towards purchasing additional resources, saving parents a lot of money if you were to purchase items individually for your school. Some schools charge the full amount of \$60 per child and many schools now require student to BYO electronic devices (i.e iPads). We can avoid this by having more families pay the voluntary contributions. This can be paid in cash or via EFTPOS at the school office.

WA STUDENT ASSISTANT PAYMENT

The State Government recognises the cost-of-living pressures Western Australian families are facing, because of higher interest rates and increased day-to-day costs and are introducing a new initiative to help with these cost-of-living pressures. On Monday afternoon a note was sent home to all families regarding the new WA Student Assistance Payment of \$150 per Primary School student. If your child didn't bring this note home, please check our Facebook Page and Webpage for the information. You will need to set up the SERVICEWA account to be able to claim for this money. Payments will be available from the start of Term 2, 15 April.

BETTER BEGINNINGS - Free Reading Packs for Kindergarten Students from Swan Libraries

Swan Libraries' staff visited our school this week to bring every kindergarten student their very own green Better Beginnings Book Pack. Beechboro Primary School families may remember receiving a yellow Better Beginnings pack from your child health nurse when your child was a baby? Today your kindergarten child has received a Better Beginnings green reading pack from Beechboro Public Library. This free pack includes a beautiful book and fun activities that you and your child can do together. There's information from your local library, too, about joining (it's free!) and the wide range of books, digital magazines, audiobooks and streaming movies that you and your children can borrow. The libraries run free activities for babies and toddlers, and primary school aged children throughout the year, even during the school holidays. By joining the library, you're helping your children develop good reading and study habits which will see them well into their future studies.

Becoming a member is easy. Visit Beechboro Public Library, conveniently located at 332 Benara Road, Beechboro WA 6063 and bring some identification which shows your name and current address or go to Swan Libraries at <https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/Your-Services/Libraries/Library-membership> to join and immediately be able to use the library's digital resources. The libraries are on Facebook too, visit @SwanLibraries or @SwanLibraryCommunity.

HAPPY READING, KINDY STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FROM SWAN LIBRARIES!

TERM 2 PLANNER 2024

MONDAY April 15 Students Commence	TUESDAY April 16	WEDNESDAY April 17	THURSDAY April 18 Summer Carnival Year 4 - 6	FRIDAY April 19
April 22	April 23	April 24 ANZAC COMMEMORATION	April 25 ANZAC Day	April 26
April 29	April 30	May 1 Mothers Day Stall	May 2 Mothers Day Stall	May 3 Assembly Bunuru 16 Mothers Day Stall
May 6 Swimming Lessons →	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10
May 13 Swimming Lessons →	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17
May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24
May 27	May 28 First Aid Focus	May 29 First Aid Focus	May 30 First Aid Focus	May 31 Student Development Day
June 3 WA Day Holiday	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7 Assembly Birak 9
June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13 Winter Carnival Years 4 - 6	June 14
June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21 Circus Challenge
June 24	June 25	June 26 BDO Year 6	June 27 School Cross Country	June 28 Assembly Kambarang 3

Connect and Respect

Every student, staff member, parent or carer has the right to feel safe and be safe in our schools.

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

What we can all expect:



mutual
respect



good
behaviour



open
communication



respect for each
other's time

We will not tolerate:



offensive, insulting
or aggressive
language



malicious or
judgemental
gossip



using
social media
disrespectfully



any form
of violence

Shared and respectful expectations and values will enable us to work together in the best interests of our children.