



Beechboro Bulletin

STUDENT _____

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School Information

SCHOOL HOURS

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

OFFICE HOURS

8am - 3.30pm

Principal

Vanda Mort

Deputy Principals

Sarah Barton
Emma Herbert

CANTEEN

Wednesday & Friday

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

UNIFORM SHOP

Fri 9.00 - 9.30am
CASH ONLY

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Dates for the Diary

TERM 4 8.9.24 - 12.12.24

29 NOV Assembly Kambarang 2 & 3

6 DEC School Concert 9.30am

11 DEC Yr 6 Graduation 9am

12 DEC Students Finish

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 4.

There is a real buzz around the school at the moment, with end of year excursion excitement, graduation rehearsal and Year 7 orientation at the different high schools our graduating Year 6 students will be attending and of course preparation for our annual school concert on the 6 December.

We will be holding our final school assembly this Friday 29th November, which will be hosted by the students in PP and Year 1 in Kambarang 2 and 3. Of course this assembly will be an extra special event, as Mr Christie will be attending. Parents and students will have the opportunity to wish him well at the assembly, as he starts a new chapter in his life away from Education. Please join us at 2pm in the under covered area. We will be holding a special afternoon tea, for invited guests only after school.

We had a wonderful turnout at our 2025 Kindy information morning last Friday. Thank you to Ms Herbert for organizing the meeting and to Ms Lane for assisting with the presentation. Just a reminder, our Kindy class is full, but we do have a wait list for 2025.

It seems to be becoming a general habit to call the school and be verbally abusive to our very hard-working school officer, Mrs Maciejak. If you are having issues involving your child, the first person you need to deal with by appointment is the classroom teacher, then the school administration team, by appointment. You can't walk into a doctor's clinic or dentist without a prior appointment, schools are no different. We have very busy days, and proper etiquette is to make an appointment that suits both parties. We do not answer to demands made by parents.

Please also note, the school administration is not a general thoroughfare. If you come to school late or come during the day to pick up your child for an appointment, please enter the school through the office, but leave through the side gate. Also, the staff car park is for staff parking only, regardless of the time of the day you come into the school. This is so, especially before and after school, as it is dangerous to have children running through the car park. We have had a few near misses, where students have just missed out on being hit by a car leaving the carpark. Please Park outside the school on King Road during the day and come in through the pedestrian gate and leave in the same way. I particularly don't like being verbally abused either when I confront a parent for parking in the staff carpark. Parents you are your child's first teacher and they look up at you for guidance, please teach them about the importance of following rules.

Vanda Mort
Principal

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Teachers have been very busy writing Semester 2 reports over the past few weeks. As part of a department-wide initiative to reduce red tape and workload for teachers and school leaders, the DoE are clarifying the requirements for reporting on student progress and achievement.

The Department has worked with the School Curriculum and Standards Authority to clarify the following:

- There is a requirement to provide an overall teacher comment, the content of which is determined by the school.
- There is no requirement to provide learning area comments.
- There is no requirement to provide grades at the strand or sub-strand level.
- There is no requirement to provide a learning area comment or attachments, such as photos, for students with special educational needs. Reporting for these students aligns with the individual education plan that was developed with parents.

Reports will be issued to all students at 3pm on Thursday 12 December 2024. If your child is not in attendance, you will need to pick the report up when the school re-opens in 2025 on 29 January. I encourage all students to attend school until the final day of term.

ARE YOU LEAVING US IN 2025?

As mentioned earlier our planning for 2025 has commenced. If your child/children will not be returning in 2025, please contact the office as soon as possible and notify us.

Also, if you are taking your children away for an extended holiday over the summer break, Please come to the front office and complete the form notifying the school of the absence and the expected return date. We are required to complete this information for the Department of Education as part of the funding process.

2025 STUDENT COUNCILLORS

At our last Assembly the student Councillors for 2025 Semester 1 were announced. I would like to congratulate the following students on being elected – Maryam Khateri, Loriana Djaferi, Korben Crofts, Sophia Davila French, Mark Ibay, Daniel Willis, Matthew Sellers and Laclan Duong. Sophia Davila French and Loriana Djaferi were announced as the Head Councillors.

SCHOOL CONCERT 2025

On Friday 6 December, we invite all families to attend our wonderful end of year concert. This year's theme is "Timeless Tunes, A journey through the Eras". The concert commences at 9.30am and stars the talented students from Kindergarten to Year 6. We hope you can join us, to support the students.

COFFEE VAN FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

This Friday, Dave Kelly MLA, will be providing a coffee van outside Beechboro Primary School, for the whole community to have a "Coffee on Dave"! The van will be outside the school gates on King Road. All the community is invited to have a free coffee, tea, hot chocolate etc., and chat with members of the school community. Don't be shy, come and have a coffee with us. Our thanks go out to Dave Kelly MLA, for his generosity in providing the coffee van free of charge. See you Friday!

LIBRARY BOOKS

Heading into the final 2 weeks of the school year, there will be no more borrowing of library books or home reading books. Can you please ensure to check your child's bag and bedrooms for any outstanding books.

THE SMITH FAMILY

The Smith Family is a national independent charity. It believes that education is one of the world's most powerful change agents. We all believe that every child deserves the opportunity to make the most of their education. But, because of disadvantage, some children do not get that chance. Consequently, they face significant barriers to achieving at school and beyond.

I was advised last week that there were still 100 financial scholarships in this area to be distributed to families with Primary and High School aged students. Beechboro PS currently has 13 students receiving the scholarship and there are many more in our school community who would be eligible. To be eligible for a **Learning for Life** scholarship; families must meet the following criteria:

- Live in a community where the Smith Family has a presence.
- Possess a health care card
- Demonstrate a commitment to education (i.e. regular attendance at school).
- Be referred to them by a community organisation such as a school.

Beechboro Primary School is very fortunate to have the Family Partnership Co-Ordinator from The Smith Family Frances Hulley in attendance at school every Monday. She will be able to explain the program further to parents. If you are struggling with return to school costs, please come to the school office and see Frances. The scholarship is open to all families meeting the criteria, not just those who are disadvantaged for one reason or another. Please take the time to come and meet Frances or contact her on:

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