

Beelbanger Public School Newsletter

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Term 1 – Week 2

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Welcome Back

This is just a quick welcome back newsletter. Newsletters will continue to be sent home and available online through the Compass portal every fortnight on a Wednesday. This will start next week. This week is Week 2 of the 11-week term.

Classes

Students and teachers have settled back in to school life quite easily this week. Teachers and students are setting up their routines and expectations for learning. Teachers will be having parent information sessions as set out below. If you have any questions and are unable to attend the information session please email me and I'll pass them on to the teacher and they will contact you or email the teacher directly.



Kindergarten – Monday 24th Feb 5.30pm in the Kindergarten Classroom
Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) – Wednesday 26th Feb 5.30pm in the Year 2 Classroom (under the shelter)
Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) – Monday 17th Feb 5.30pm in 3/4P's Miss Pendergast's room
Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) – Monday 24th Feb 5.30pm in Year 6's classroom (next to the Library)

Welcome notes are being sent home this week outlining any items that will be needed for the year. And informing parents of class specific routines.

Sport House Captains

On Monday 10th Feb students in years 2-6 will have their sport house meetings to elect their house leaders. This is from Year 6 unless there are no Year 6 students wishing to run for sport leader then Year 5 students are offered the opportunity. They know this in advance and prepare a speech for the day. Elected Sports Leaders will have a badge pinning ceremony at next week's assembly. Parents will be notified. School leaders are not eligible to run for Sports Leader.

Office Leaders

Year 6 have nominated themselves for Office Leader duty and those students who do not hold a School or Sport Leader position will receive their Office Leader badges at next week's assembly. Parents will be notified.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 20th Feb. Notes for Years 3-6 will be released on Compass shortly. Year 2 have already received their expression of interest to attend notes. Please return these as soon as possible.

K-2 will have a sprinkler splash on the same day. A note will go home next week with all the information that you will need.





Class Dojo

If you have already joined Class Dojo your child's teacher will automatically link your account with the new class. New students will receive information on how to join the Class Dojo app. This is where the class teacher can share information, updates and pictures of your child's participation with you.

Compass

Compass is our main form of communication to parents. Excursions and events are sent out via compass and payment for these activities is also done this way. For parents who have not yet signed up to Compass, Mrs Young will be sending out the information required. Kindergarten parents once the Compass system talks to the Education system and all Kindergarten students are visible on our Compass system you will receive your setting up information.



Updated Information

Next week we will be sending home forms that will allow us to make sure all of your information is recorded in our system correctly. We often have to change email and residential addresses, phone numbers, Medicare numbers and even our occupation. The school needs the most current up to date information. Parent occupations are something that influences our school funding from the government. Helping us by completing the forms – even if nothing has changed will make sure that the school is receiving all the funding that we are entitled to.

Canteen – We need you!



Our canteen is run completely by volunteers. You will receive food safety handling training, as well as training specific to how we run the canteen.

Come join us and help out our school. Your kids will love seeing you and you might get to meet their friends! You will certainly get to meet some new friends and have lots of laughs.

Dads, Grandparents, and all other types of Guardians are welcome, this is not just for Mums!

The roster for this term is attached. Can you please complete and send back to the office so that we can allocate days?

Sport

Griffith PSSA Sport Trials

The Griffith Zone PSSA representative sport trials come thick and fast in Term 1. These are trials to find the best primary school players (usually in Year 5/6 – but very strong Year 4 players can be considered) in each sport.

Sports include tennis, AFL, soccer, touch, rugby league, basketball and netball. The 2025 cricket trials were held in late 2024. Some sports, such as hockey, rugby union, golf and softball have alternate pathways.

As the term goes on, we will be asking children who are interested and think they are a genuine chance of making the team in their chosen sport, to express interest in attending the trials. We will then run some school trials to make a judgement on if the children have sufficient skills, game knowledge and sportsmanship to attend the trials.

If you know your child has a particular interest or skill in these sports, please let Mr Fattore know.

Voluntary School Contributions

Each year we ask parents to consider paying a voluntary school contribution. Money received will be used to update technology across the school. The P&C has set the amount of the contribution for our school at:

\$25 for one student.

\$40 for two students.

\$50 for three or more students.

Early Arrivals

There are no teachers on duty before 8.30am daily and the school does not provide adequate supervision before this time. Please do not send/drop your child at school before 8.30am without prior agreement with the Principal.

School Finishes

School finishes at 3.10pm each day. The last bus leaves the school at 3.55pm. There are no teachers on duty for supervision after this time. Your child must be collected from school before 3.50pm.

Emergencies happen and we are always here to help. If you are going to be late for some reason please call the school so that we can let your child know.

School Calendar

An in-depth school calendar of events will be added to next week's newsletter.

Beelbanger School Facebook Page

The school Facebook Page is often the first and quickest source of communication to parents. We share lots of great things that are happening around our school. If you do not want your child's picture on Facebook, please contact the school so that Mrs Young will know.

We do apologise if students accidentally get placed on Facebook, we try very hard to respect your wishes. If you see that we have put a picture up that you do not want online, please contact the school and we will remove it.



