

Beelbanger Public School Newsletter

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Term 1 – Week 3

Wednesday 12th February 2025

Welcome to the Start of Term 1 2025!

2025 will provide some excellent opportunities for staff, students and parents. We have some interesting targets that we have set in both teaching and student learning. This year's focuses are: improving reading levels in all classrooms by focusing on how we are teaching reading, trialling a new Maths program called EAST, improving our attendance rates by decreasing the number of unexplained absences from school and to continue increasing our speed and accuracy with times tables and boosting our reading at home. There are some exciting experiences planned for this year that include visits to the Regional Theatre to see a few stage productions, Healthy Harold will come to visit us again and we will have some great excursions; plenty of sporting opportunities for 2-6, and some interesting fundraising activities. So, there is a lot to do this year in between our important learning.

I would like to extend a big Beelbanger welcome to our Kindergarten students and new families. We know you'll enjoy your time with us and we look forward to sharing your child's learning journey with you.

We pride ourselves on being a happy, friendly school that has an open-door policy. If you have any questions (no matter how big or small), ideas or suggestions that could improve or change the learning environment for your children we want to know. Make an appointment, come in, sit down and have a chat with myself, drop us a note in the suggestions box in the front office or email me on kristie.symonds@det.nsw.edu.au. If you have some useful skills that you would like to share with us eg, gardening, cooking, concreting, handyman etc your skills are more than welcome! Please let me know and we can incorporate and share your expertise when needed.

Year 2

Every year, the Year 2 parents are the ones that drive our school fundraising. We are looking for a group of Year 2 parents who are willing to take on the co-ordination of this. There is a folder with everything you'll need in it. Last Year's co-ordinators are happy to have a meeting with the new group to pass on the key information. If you are interested please contact Mrs Seria (Symonds).

P&C Meeting

The first 2025 P&C meeting will take place at school in the administration building on Tuesday 4th March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. This meeting will be the AGM and there will be vacant positions with long standing parents moving on to High School. We will be looking particularly for someone to take on the Treasurer's position.



Assembly

Assembly this week will see 5YM present an item and the Sport House and Office Leaders be presented with their badges.

Uniforms

A reminder that girls shorts need to be mid-thigh length. The shorts that a lot of the Year 5 & 6 girls were wearing last year are not appropriate. Parents please help us to make our uniform policy a success by NOT buying the current, in-fashion shorter shorts. School shoes Monday – Thursday need to be black without any colour on them at all. Friday is the day that coloured joggers can be worn, along with PSSA representative sport clothes.



Swimming Carnival and Sprinkler Splash

The swimming carnival for children 8 years (who can swim the length of the pool) and older will take place on Thursday 20th February. Notes have already gone home through Compass. K-2 children will have their own water fun on the same day with the annual sprinkler splash and activities – a note for this has already gone home. We are looking for parents to time keep, please contact the office if you are available to do this and Mrs Young will be in touch. Parents are allowed to attend the swimming carnival – it is \$1.50 entry payable at the pool on arrival. All students attending the carnival travel by bus to the event but can leave with a parent after notifying the recording table.

Meet our staff



**Mrs Seria
(Symonds)**
Principal



Mrs Young
5YM
Assistant
Principal 3-6
M, W, Th, F



Mrs Hill
1H
Relieving Assistant
Principal K-2



Mr Fattore
Assistant Principal
Curriculum and Instruction



Miss Camp
Kinder KC



Mrs Saxvik
2S



Miss Pendergast
3/4P



Mrs Smith
3/4SW
M, T, W



Mrs Woods
3/4SW
Th, F – Learning and Support Tues



Mrs Crawford
6C



Mrs Maddison
5YM Tues
Library M, W



Mrs Mirtschin
Learning and Support
M, T, W



Mrs Senatore
1H Fri



Mr Angel
RFF – M & T

Mrs Hyder - 5YM on Fridays

Mrs Sutton - Thursdays

School Learning and Support Officers



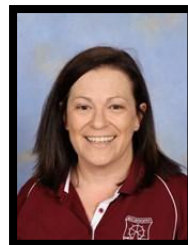
Mrs Catanzariti
Mrs Cat



Mrs Biondo



Mrs Maccagnan
Miss Kady



Mrs Ippoliti
Miss Melissa
Learning & Support



Mrs Simpson
Sam
SLSO M, W, F
Chaplain T & Th

School Leaders



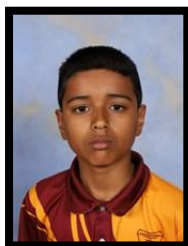
Summer



Natalie



Fred
Ferdinando



Sehajdeep

Office Staff



Mrs Villata
M, Th, F



Mrs Hirst
M, T, W

Sport House Leaders

Thorpe



Rozanne



Adelaide



Flynn



Caleb

Freeman



Darci



Madelyn



Alex



Yagna

Webb



Juvraj



Manny



Amilah



Maddison

Late Arrival/Early Departure

If your child is late to school they must be signed in at the front office **by an adult**. Please walk your child in and see the friendly office staff. The same is expected for early departures.

Attendance Goals

This year our goal is to reduce the number of unexplained absences. An unexplained absence is when your child has been away and you have not let the school know the reason.

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unexplained on the student's record.

Canteen Helpers

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!

Please complete and return to school the attached roster if you can spare some time.



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)

Upcoming Events

An events Calendar will be attached to the next newsletter.

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthdays in February are:

Tanishi (1/2), Alexis (2/2), Eadie (17/2)
Gloria (20/2), Aliyana (22/2), Aviraj (23/2).

We hope you have a great birthday!



Calendar

Please note dates from week to week as there are occasionally some changes.

Term 1	
Week 3	
Thurs 13 th Feb	Assembly 2.30pm
Week 4	
Thursday 20 th Feb	Swimming Carnival 3- 6 Sprinkler Splash K-2

Student Absences

Parents are reminded that if your child/children are away from school, a reason for the absence is required. If your child/children leave school during school hours, please inform the office/teacher.

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. Teachers are not required to begin playground supervision until 8.50am daily.

A teacher is on duty at this school from 8.30am for the students who travel on the Rankins Springs Road buses and those who have prior permission to be at school. **Please do not send/drop your child at school before 8.30am daily without prior agreement with the Principal.**

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.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING IN THE SCHOOL CANTEEN

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! If you would like to volunteer, or know more about volunteering in the canteen, please contact: Wendy Borg on 0412 753 088

Library Days

Library in on Mondays and Wednesdays this year.

Monday	Wednesday
KC	6C
1H	5YM
3/4P	3/4SW
	2S

Book Club

Through the Library the School runs a book club and the supplier is Scholastic. This occurs twice a term. The children can purchase books and other items at a fairly competitive price. If you wish to purchase anything, please indicate the item on the order form and place the order form and the correct money in an envelope with your child's name and class on the front and return it to the school office. Book Club is due back at school next **Wednesday 24th February 2024.**

If you wish to pay by Credit Card we have opted to use LOOP. See the back of the Book Club brochures for payment options. The LOOP app for mobile devices is available from the Apple App Store or go to scholastic.com.au/LOOP. There is no pressure to buy. It is a service for students. The school receives a percentage of sales that can be retrieved by purchasing books for the library.



Assembly Roster Term 1

Assemblies will be held in the hall on the following Thursday afternoons starting at 2.30pm.

Week	Class running the assembly	Classes presenting at assembly
3	School Leaders	Welcome back Mrs Symonds 5YM
5	3/4P	3/4P 3/4SW
7	2S	1H 2S
9	6C	6C KC



COMMUNITY NEWS

Beelbanger Store Lunch Orders

Monday to Thursday – Bacon & Cheese Roll, Sandwiches, Foccaccia, Chicken Nuggets, Homemade Pies and Sausage Rolls – Plain Pie, Cheese & Bacon Pie, Chicken & Vegie Pie, Mini Pizza – Hawaiian, Aussie Bacon, Ham, Toppa & Pizza Pocket filled with cheese, ham and bacon. Ph: 6963 5242

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR SEASON 2025!

Playing local soccer this year?
Wanting further training and development?
GFA's program is for boys and girls from U8-U16.
Weekly training begins 24/2/25 and we play in several game days!

GRIFFITH FOOTBALL ACADEMY

For more information or to register use the QR code or visit:
<https://forms.gle/XBCRM3AtvsgCoMd59>





YEARS 1-3 PRIMARY SCHOOL **YOUTH THEATRE TROUPE.**

WE ACCEPT CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

MONDAYS 4PM - 5PM
COMMENCING MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY - CONCLUDING MONDAY 7 APRIL

8 WEEK BLOCK FOR \$120 AGE GROUP: SCHOOL YEARS 1 - 3

Young theatre-lovers are invited to join our Youth Theatre Troupe at Griffith Regional Theatre. These 8-week blocks of after-school drama classes are available for junior students in years 1 to 3 on Monday afternoons. Students will learn a range of drama and performance skills in a fun and supportive environment. Primary School Youth Theatre Troupe will enjoy improvisation, group and solo performance work as well as theatre sports and games.

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YEARS 4-6 PRIMARY SCHOOL **YOUTH THEATRE TROUPE.**

WE ACCEPT CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

TUESDAYS 4PM - 5PM
COMMENCING TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY - CONCLUDING TUESDAY 8 APRIL

8 WEEK BLOCK FOR \$120 AGE GROUP: SCHOOL YEARS 4 - 6

Young theatre-lovers are invited to join our Primary School Youth Theatre Troupe at Griffith Regional Theatre. These 8-week blocks of after-school drama classes are available for junior students in years 4 to 6 on Tuesday afternoons. Students will learn a range of drama and performance skills in a fun and supportive environment. Primary School Youth Theatre Troupe will enjoy improvisation, group and solo performance work as well as theatre sports and games.

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HIGH SCHOOL **YOUTH THEATRE TROUPE.**

WE ACCEPT CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

MONDAYS 5.15PM - 6:45PM
COMMENCING MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY - CONCLUDING MONDAY 7 APRIL

8 WEEK BLOCK FOR \$150 AGE GROUP: SCHOOL YEARS 7 - 12

Young theatre-lovers are invited to join our Youth Theatre Troupe at Griffith Regional Theatre. These 8-week blocks of after-school drama classes are available for senior students who attend High School. Students will learn performance techniques for stage, develop their own voice and delve into storytelling for stage beyond.

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