

Beelbangera Public School Newsletter

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Term 1 – Week 7

Wednesday 12th March 2025

From the Principal

NAPLAN started this week for Year 3 and Year 5. They have completed their Writing and Reading assessments. Next week they will tackle the Conventions of Language and Numeracy. Everyone is very positive about trying their best. They are also looking forward to the annual NAPLAN breakfast on Thursday 20th March starting at 8.45am.

P&C - We held the P&C's AGM last week and I would like to congratulate the following committee members:

President – Bonnie Ryan

Vice President – Nicole Plum

Secretary – Melissa De Waal

Treasurer – Melissa Heness

Canteen Supervisor – Wendy Borg

Year 2 Fundraising Committee – Melissa Butcher co-ordinator

Attending P&C meetings gives you a voice in what is happening around our school, planning future directions and helping to make decisions about things that impact all the children. This is also the forum to ask questions. P&C meets the first Tuesday of the month during school terms at 7pm in the staffroom. In winter we move the meetings to online via Teams so that we can still come together without leaving our warm homes. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st April at 7pm in the staffroom.

Canteen – the new items being sold at the canteen from this week include a range of sandwiches, beef burger, cheese burger, fried rice and different brands for some items. This has been in response to changes to the menu to comply with the healthy canteen policy.

If you can spare a few hours on a Friday, please consider putting your name down. It doesn't have to be every week or all day. Please contact Wendy on 0412 753 088 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.



Year 2 Fundraising – this term the fundraising committee will be holding a sausage sizzle at the Cross-Country carnival on Thursday 27th March. If you can spare a sometime to help with cooking or serving, they would love a hand.

Easter Raffle – each year we have an Easter Raffle. We would like families to donate items to the easter raffle – easter eggs, plush toys, baskets, easter activities etc that the committee can put together as prizes. Your donations can be dropped off at the front office anytime from now until Monday 7th April. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 9th April after the Easter Hat parade.

Movie Night – save the date – Thursday 22nd May – P&C will be hosting a movie premiere night for the new Lilo & Stitch movie. Tickets will be available towards the end of term.



Easter Hat Parade – we will be holding an Easter Hat parade at school on Wednesday 9th April. Easter hats are to be made at home and brought to school on the day.



Theatre Performances – this year we will be heading to the Griffith Regional Theatre to watch the following stage productions:

The Hungry Caterpillar – Kinder and Year 1 – Fri 21st March

The Librarian – Years 3, 4, 5, 6 – Wed 15th Oct

The Doughnut – Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 – Fri 30th May

Josephine wants to Dance – Kinder, Year 1 & 2 – Fri 1st August

Cross Country – the whole school will travel to Lake Wyangan picnic area to participate in this year's Cross-Country carnival. All students travel to the lake on the bus but are free to go home after their races once you have notified Mrs Saxvik at the recording table. There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks and Year 6 will run a cake stall on the day. So, bring your money to buy your lunch and a snack. Please make sure all children bring plenty of water as there is NO drinkable water at the lake to refill drink bottles.

Sport Update – Mr Fattore

What a start to the school sporting year we've had at BPS!

Many kids have attended Zone Trials for a variety of sports. Congratulations to the following students who were successful in gaining selection in Griffith Zone teams:

- Darci (Tennis)
- Lucas (AFL)
- Darci, Summer and Evie (Soccer)

We had 22 students qualify to swim at the Zone Swimming Carnival, with Rozanne, Ella, Charlie and Sienna W qualifying for the Riverina Swimming Carnival. Our Junior and Senior Girls relays just missed out, both placing 3rd. Great effort everyone!

At the Riverina Swimming Carnival held this week, Ella managed a wonderful 3rd place in the backstroke which means she's qualified for the NSW PSSA State Swimming Carnival in Sydney!

Attendance – Please remember to notify the school if your child is away. A quick phone call to the office explaining the absence can help our attendance records be more accurate. This year's school goal is to reduce the number of unexplained absences. You can also record you child's absences in Compass. If your child will be away for 10 days or more, you also need to complete an Application for Extended Leave form before going.

Harmony Day – We will celebrate Harmony Day on Thursday 20th March by wearing traditional dress or orange. Classes will be completing activities in their own room. This is a change of date; we were going to celebrate on Friday 21st March but with gymnastics still running we felt this would impact the clothes being worn.

Information - If you are unsure about something happening around our school, please make an appointment or phone the school to chat with Mrs Symonds. It is always best to get the correct information in the beginning.

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthdays in March are:

Juvraj (2/3), Emily D (4/3), Dakota (9/3), Amneet (11/3), Sahibdeep (11/3), Aviroop (11/3), Graham (15/3), Tristan (18/3), Callen (20/3), Sahib (23/3), Susan (29/3), Virat (30/3)



We hope you have a great birthday!

Calendar

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

Term 1	
Week 7	
Wed 12 th Mar	NAPLAN testing window starts today and finishes on Mon 24 th March
Week 8	
Mon 17 th Mar	Easter Egg donations being taken at the office
Thurs 20 th Mar	NAPLAN Breakfast for Yr 3 & 5 from 8.30am
	Harmony Day – traditional dress or Orange
Fri 21 st Mar	K & Yr 1 Hungry Caterpillar at Regional Theatre
Week 9	
Mon 24 th Mar	Young Leaders Conference
	Easter Raffle tickets due back
Thurs 27 th Mar	Cross Country Carnival
Week 10	
Tues 1 st April	P&C Meeting 7pm - Staffroom
Week 11	
Wed 9 th April	Easter Hat Parade P&C Easter Raffle Drawn

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 CANTEN

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

Book Club

Book Club orders for issue 2 are due back on **Wednesday 26th March 2025.**

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
7	2S	KC 2S
10	6C	6C 1H

Assembly Awards – Term 1 – Week 7

KC

Parveer For being a kind and helpful member of the class.

Callen For his fantastic work identifying rhyming words.

Archie For his wonderful effort during maths activities



1H

Destiney
Hayley
Avirop
Chelsea



Braxton For always being willing to help, and for putting in his best effort in all areas.
Darci For her enthusiastic and respectful engagement in all class work.

2S

Tej For excellent use of the counting-on and counting back strategy in maths.
Myra For amazing efforts in all learning tasks! Keep it up!
Jalaine For always entering our learning tasks with a bright and bubbly attitude. Excellent effort!
Piper For outstanding sentence writing during our Fables unit. Great work!

3/4P

Caleb For attempting all math review tasks and sharing answers.
Kirat For her neat presentation of all bookwork.
Tiarna For her sensible approach to all learning situations and never being afraid to ask questions to clarify thinking.
Tristan For enthusiastic participation in all class and partner discussions.

3/4SW

Devya For giving some great feedback to her partner after reading.
Miranda For putting lots of effort into writing an interesting narrative.
Jarred For persevering and having a go in place value maths lessons.
Lily For persevering in maths lessons and having that "I can do this" moment.

5YM

Toby For his great problem solving skills using Tinkercad.
Amanat For her positive attitude towards all learning tasks.
Nina For her positive attitude towards her learning tasks.
Amneet For her contributions to class discussions.

6C

Celina For quick recall and application of math facts. Great work!
Sienna For showing an improved resilience, especially with difficult tasks.

COMMUNITY NEWS**Beelbanger Store Lunch Orders**

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

NEW everyday lunchbox ideas

Kids love variety and there are always new things to try. Have you tried any new everyday lunchbox items recently?

Here's some ideas:

- Mini rice wheels
- Roasted fava beans
- Zucchini slice
- Scones – plain, fruit or with a thin spread of topping

Mini rice wheels

Fruit scone

Roasted fava beans

For more ideas and recipes, visit www.swapit.net.au/recipes

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PLAYERS WANTED

ALL AGES AND EXPERIENCE WELCOME

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griffithcityfc@gmail.com

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