

Beelbanger Public School Newsletter

— Term 3 - Week 5 —

Wednesday August 20th 2025

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From the Principal

Week 5 - How on earth are we halfway through the school term? This week has seen Year 2 and 3 start their intensive swimming lessons. They are loving it. We have also started the ICAS competitions, and these will continue for another couple of weeks.

Talent Show - Miss Pendergast is almost finished with the talent show auditions and the finalists will soon be announced. The talent show will be a part of this year's Art Show that will be held in Week 10 this term.

Year 2 Fundraising - Pizza & Pasta orders will be ready to collect from Romeo & Giulietta's restaurant this Thursday 21st August between 2pm - 5pm. Families are responsible for collecting their orders and distributing to others that placed orders on their forms.

Going on a family holiday? - If your child will be away for 10 days or more you are required to complete the Application for Extended Leave - Travel form. This can be collected from the front office.

Check In Assessment - Next week we will start the Check In Assessments. Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will complete Reading & Numeracy tests and Year 6 will also sit a Writing assessment. The assessment window is between Week 6 and Week 9.

Book Week Parade - The Book Week parade will be held in Week 7 on Thursday 4th September at 9.25am under the shelter. Parents are invited to attend and watch our amazing book characters come to life.

Book Week at the Library - Students in years 3-6 will travel to the town library on Tuesday 2nd September to listen to the authors Kate & Jol Temple. Students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will attend the same author on Wednesday 3rd September. Kate & Jol Temple are known for their stories Bin Chicken, The Under Dogs and Frog Squad. Excursion notes will be released in Compass shortly.

Pick up and Drop Off Back Car Park - If you are dropping off in the drop off zone in the morning, please make sure that your child hops out of the car safely and quickly to avoid traffic congestion. Pick up in the afternoon is quite chaotic. Please make sure that you are holding your child's hand when in the carpark until you have them safely in your vehicle. Leaving the carpark in single file so that the entire driveway is not blocked and that cars can still enter.

Pick up and Drop Off Front Gate - Please ensure you are not stopping in the bus zone either in the morning or the afternoon. This space is dedicated for buses before and after school time and you can be fined.

Zone Athletics Carnival - Congratulations to all those who competed at the carnival on Friday and represented our school with pride and great sportsmanship. It is noticed by all, and you should be commended for your great manners. The Riverina Carnival will be held in Albury on Friday 5th September. We wish Josie, Amelia, Ilo and Lucas good luck when they attend the Riverina carnival.

Kindergarten 2026 - Are we ready to start Kindergarten Transition - Yes, we are. The new faces of Beelbanger Public School will start to attend transition each Tuesday from next week. We will meet in the school hall from 10 - 11am. We will play some games, do some activities and get to know our new friends. Parents are welcome to stay until your child is settled. A morning tea will be available in the Year 5 classroom while the children are in the hall. It's nice for parents to make new friends too.

Kinder 2026 Meet & Greet - We will also be having a meet and greet walk around the school on Thursday 28th August at 4.30pm, starting under the shelter. This is a perfect time to ask any questions you may have.



Beelbanger Public School Kindergarten Orientation

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Enrol now at beelbanger-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
or pick up an enrolment pack from the front office.

Day	Time
Tuesday 26th August	10.00 - 11.00am
Tuesday 2nd September	10.00 - 11.00am
Tuesday 9 th September	10.00 - 11.00am
Tuesday 16 th September	10.00 - 11.00am
Tuesday 23 rd September	10.00 - 11.00am
School Holidays	
Tuesday 14 th October	10.00 - 11.00am
Tuesday 21 st October	9.30 - 11.30am
Tuesday 28 th October	9.30 - 12.30pm
Tuesday 4 th November	9.30 - 12.30pm
Tuesday 11 th November	9.30 - 12.30pm



For More information
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Meet and Greet



Thursday
28 August
4.30pm



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NAPLAN 2025 - We smashed it. Such great Year 5 results and amazing growth.

NAPLAN RESULTS - 2025

Percentage of
students in "strong"
or "exceeding"

BPS's results compared to
Statistically Similar School
Groups and the NSW Average

Increase of BPS students in
"strong" or "exceeding"
from Yr 3 to Yr 5

	Beelbanger PS	Compared to SSG	Compared to NSW Average	BPS growth Yr 3 to Yr 5
Year 5 Reading	85%	+ 22%	+ 16%	+ 15%
Year 5 Writing	90%	+ 21%	+ 26%	+ 18%
Year 5 Spelling	80%	+ 15%	+ 11%	+ 4%
Year 5 Grammar and Punctuation	75%	+ 19%	+ 12%	+ 10%
Year 5 Numeracy	80%	+ 23%	+ 15%	+ 8%
Year 3 Numeracy	65%	+ 11.7%	+ 5%	N/A



Vision Screening - A huge thankyou to Tom and the team at George & Matilda Eyecare for completing our vision screening last week. Reports have gone home to parents and the results were surprising. The effects of screen time are really being seen from a very young age.

Following analysis of the data, we wish to share some key findings of those who participated:

- 3 in 5 children screened were found to have an undetected vision problem, which was above the expected 1 in 5
- The most common vision issue detected relates to refractive error, with half of all children screened requiring further investigation of their distance prescription
- Distance vision and colour vision was impacted in 1 in 5 students
- 1 in 5 children had two vision problems, with 1 in 10 having three vision problems.

Refractive error requires further investigation in 75% of students screened. This includes:

- Hyperopia (far-sightedness) Where these children may lose visual focus or have trouble concentrating for extended periods of time
- Myopia (short-sightedness) An epidemic projected to affect 50% of the world's population by 2050, exacerbated by long periods of digital screen use and limited time spent outdoors. It is important to detect myopia early to slow down how quickly a child's prescription changes over time, and to reduce risk of future eye health problems linked to myopia.
- Amblyopia (lazy eye) Where one eye has weaker vision than the other, usually due to a strong distance prescription requiring correction. This can be reversed by age 10 if treated correctly.

We encourage you to book a bulk-billed appointment to discuss and investigate your child's vision further. Appointments may be made by calling our clinic on (02) 6962 5643.

If your child was away on the day of screening and you completed the questionnaire; they have a list at the eyecare centre and you can ring to make an appointment to complete the screening at a time that suits you.



GEORGE & MATILDA
EYECARE

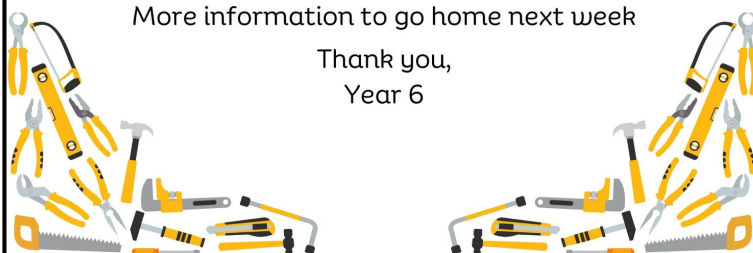


Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 3rd September, Year 6 will be running our Annual Father's Day Stall. Students will be able to purchase a gift for \$10 on this day.

More information to go home next week

Thank you,
Year 6



Term 3 Events

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5	18 August Years 2 & 3 Swim School	19 August Years 2 & 3 Swim School	20 August Years 2 & 3 Swim School	21 August Years 2 & 3 Swim School	22 August Years 2 & 3 Swim School
Week 6	25 August Years 2 & 3 Swim School Check-In Assessments Start	26 August Years 2 & 3 Swim School Trent Barrett Shield Yrs 3 & 4 Kindy Orientation 10-11am	27 August Years 2 & 3 Swim School	28 August Years 2 & 3 Swim School Kindy 2026 Meet & Greet Walk Though 4.30pm	29 August Years 2 & 3 Swim School
Week 7	1 September	2 September Kindy Orientation 10-11am 3-6 Library Excursion	3 September Father's Day Stall K-2 Library Excursion	4 September Book Week Parade 9.30am	5 September Zone Athletics Carnival
Week 8	8 September	9 September Kindy Orientation 10-11am	10 September	11 September	12 September
Week 9	15 September	16 September Kindy Orientation 10-11am	17 September	18 September	19 September Check-In Assessments Finish
Week 10	22 September	23 September Kindy Orientation 10-11am	24 September	25 September	26 September

Education Week Awards

KC

Hiya and Samarth

1H

Jordan and Jasleen

2S

Aliyana and Josie

3/4MW

Ethan and Tanishi

3/4P

Akksh and Tristan

5YM

Evie and Liam

6C

Maddison and Summer

Leadership Awards

Natalie, Summer, Fred, Sehajdeep

**Public
Education
Week 2025**

4-8 August
Ignite your potential



Birthdays



Celebrating their birthdays in August are:

Harper (6/80), Saydee (8/8), Jasmeen (12/8),
Millie (15/8), Caden (15/8), Olivia (19/8),
Shivam (23/8), Jaxon (24/8), Flynn (26/8),
Amelia (28/8)



Assembly Roster Term 3

WEEK	RUNNING	PRESENTING
5	6C	6C KC
7	3/4P	2S 3/4P
9	1H	3/4MW 1H 5YM

AUGUST 27TH, 28TH, 29TH & 30TH

4 DAYS ONLY

20% OFF

SCHOOLWEAR

PLUS EVERYTHING INSTORE!*



ZERO MEMBERS GET
AN EXTRA 5% OFF!*



Pizza and Pasta Fundraiser

Year 2 Fundraising Committee - Pizza and Pasta Fundraiser

ALL PICKUPS will be THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST 2025 **directly from Romeo & Giulietta Restaurant** (40 Mackay Avenue, Yoogali) **between 2pm to 5pm** (there will be NO pickups on Wednesday as they are closed for a private function).

