

# Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 3

## What's On at BDPS?

<u>Calendar Term 1, 2019</u>	
Monday, February 18	Book Club orders due
Wednesday, February 20	School Council Meeting (7.00pm)
Monday & Tuesday March 4 & 5	Student / Teacher Conferences (3.30pm – 5.00pm)
Friday, March 15	District Summer Sports in Swan Hill
Wednesday March 20	School Council AGM (7.00pm) School Council Meeting (7.30pm)
Monday, March 25	KABOOM Tabloid Sports at SHPS
Friday, April 5	Term 1 Ends



*Science experiment last week – demonstrating that plants use capillaries to move water against gravity to eat.*

*A reminder to sign reading diaries.*

*Spelling Homework & Maths Mate 2 due Friday.*



## Great Atmosphere!

One thing in which we need to celebrate at Beverford District Primary School is the great atmosphere that the students, staff, parents and wider community have developed.

Every time I show a visitor around the school or someone from the Department of Education, they comment on what a “great feel” the school has. This is something that is very hard to measure, but is observable with calm, cooperative and positive classrooms, which flows into the playground.

The kids are proud of their school and this goes a long way to creating an inclusive positive environment where everyone can achieve!

# Principal's Report

## *Positive Start at BDPS!*

It has been a great first two weeks of the school year at BDPS! Students have now settled into their classroom routines and learning and growth has already been visible.

Well done to staff and students who have been conducting testing early in the year to ensure we are teaching at the 'point of need'. This testing will continue for the next week or so and will assist teachers with benchmarking the growth students have made throughout Semester 1 and the entire year.

If your child is a competitive swimmer, you may like them to compete at the Mallee Divisional Swimming Finals on Monday February 25 representing the school and the Swan Hill District Cluster. Students must be 9 or older and be excellent 50-metre swimmers. If you believe, your child should compete in one or more events please contact me by tomorrow afternoon.

Our first school council meeting is next week on Wednesday. We will soon be advertising to fill vacant positions on School Council for this year. Please consider joining school council. The Annual General Meeting is on March 20. If you have any questions about the roles and responsibilities of councilors, please drop in and see me or catch up with any of the current school council representatives.

The school will be entering a cricket and a tee-ball team into the District Summer Sports on Friday March 15. This will be held at Ken Harrison Reserve for Grade 3-6 students.

Parents are welcome to attend. The P-2 students will be enjoying a Fun Activities Day on that day also. This will be held at the Son Centre School and be attended by Nyah District, Lake Boga, Woorinen District, Ultima and Son Centre students.

We will be having a short assembly every Monday morning at 9.00am where we will celebrate our achievements and communicate what is happening during the week. Parents are welcome to attend. This week we congratulate the following students on their awards.

### **Junior Student of the Week**

Ryan Burney

### **Senior Student of the Week**

Darcy McNees

### **Principal Award**

Zach Jones

Enjoy your Week,  
Thanks, Phil



*Principal Award Winner: Zach Jones*

### Homework

It has been outstanding to hear some very positive feedback on the homework program we are running at school. The students are very enthusiastic!

We do understand that it will take some students a little longer to develop their home reading habits and routines, but we urge parents to ensure students are reading aloud almost every day.

For those students struggling to complete everything required at home we are running our Homework Club on a lunchtime on Thursday.

### School Nurse Visit

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school this Friday February 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. The purpose of this visit is to undertake health assessments and discuss health concerns that parents and/or teachers may have with their children/students.

**Referrals (All Grades):** Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to February 14<sup>th</sup> 2019. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.

### Lunch Orders

The first week of lunch orders were very successful. There was an error in the price of the strawberry and chocolate milks – they are \$1.50 not \$2.50 as listed. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.



*Student of the Week: Ryan & Jackson*



## **School Sport Victoria Primary State Team Selection**

Have you got a **highly** skilled student who would like to trial to be part of School Sport Victoria's State teams in one or more of these sports. Football (Soccer), Football (AFL), Netball or Basketball. Students can try out in cricket, softball or rugby but this is done by individual nomination directly to SSV Melbourne.

### **INFORMATION**

**1** Participants would have to be **highly** skilled (selected for rep sides or playing up in higher age groups).

**2** They must be turning 10, 11 or 12 years of age in 2019 (younger and older students cannot nominate).

**3** Parents would need to get students to the trials in Swan Hill which are after school events held in early Term 2. Trial dates and times are on the Mallee Division <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/loddon-mallee-primary/mallee-primary>.

**4** If selected to progress to the next level after Swan Hill, parents would then have to be prepared to travel to Melbourne for a further trial/s. (this would be done at the family's own expense)

**5** To get further understanding this process, parents need to go to [www.ssv.edu.au/team-vic](http://www.ssv.edu.au/team-vic) to register and pay a one off fee. Registrations close towards end of February so don't delay if you are interested.

Any other questions please feel free to contact your school.

**Tim Croft Mallee Division Coordinator**

