



Bega Valley Public School

Great Expectations ~ Great Attitude ~ Great Opportunities

NEWSLETTER - Term 1 Week 4

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What's coming up:

Every Friday Starting
Feb 19th to
March 26th
Stage 2 & 3
Swimming for Sports

Tues 23rd Feb
**District Swimming
Carnival @ Eden**

Wed 24th Feb
**PSSA Cricket trials @
Pambula PS**

Mon 1st - Thurs 4th
March
**Three Way
Interviews**

Tues 2nd March
**Paul Kelly Cup
Yrs 5/6**

Wed 3rd March
School Photo Day

Friday 5th March
**Clean Up Australia
Day 11.50 - 1.30**

Thurs 1st April
Last day of Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic start to the year we have had a Bega Valley Public School. We are very fortunate to have so many fantastic program up and running here at the school that enrich our students' education.

Mrs McVeity and Garry have commenced the Band Program for 2021 with so many students learning a new instrument. I enjoy the sounds of the different instruments playing along to well known songs outside my office window.

Our lunchtime Bike Program has also recommenced for this year with students from Years 2-6 riding their bikes around our beautiful bike tracks here in town. Miss Martin and Mr O have enjoyed taking groups of students out of the school to explore our local area and increase their fitness.

3 way interviews are coming up in Week 6. I encourage all parents to make a time to come up and meet their child's teacher and join in the discussion about how we best support their learning here at school. Regular communication is key to building strong relationships between home and school and very much value these positive partnerships.

BVPS Administration and Learning/Support staff

School Administration Staff

Jenny Munro
Karen Sharpe
Jan Ridley

Learning & Support Staff

Sally Burns
Colleen Chapman
Louise Evans
Michael Talbot
Rani Quin
Sally Benedyka
Grace Jennings
Andrew Parsons
Blake Grant
James Scott
Annalina Brollo
Terri-Lee Sproates
Madison Parbery

District Swimming Carnival Eden

I would like to wish our swimmers the very best of luck as they represent BVPS next Tuesday 23rd March at the District Swimming Carnival held at Eden Pool.



Melissa Fay - Reliving Principal

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School Office Hours: 8.30am to 3.30pm

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SCHOOL STREAM APP

The P&C is very supportive of the school's move to start using the School Stream app. You can download this app for free at the iTunes store or the equivalent app store for non-Apple phones.

The School will use this app to get information like newsletters, bus breakdowns, absent notes, excursion details etc. out to parents.

Once you have downloaded the app you will be able to sign up to Bega Valley Public School and get all the alerts in real time as they are posted.



FACEBOOK

Please join the school's Facebook page, it is a great source of information about what is happening in the school. Information from the school will go out on School Stream and the info from the P&C will go out on Facebook, so make sure you join both.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder that parents/carers are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence. The options available are either reply to the SMS text which is sent on the day, School Stream app, phone the school, email or fill out and return the pink attendance letter sent out weekly.



P & C Report Term 1 Week 4

Business House Relay

The P&C will once again be catering at the Bega Business House Relay on Saturday the 6th of March from 4pm. More information regarding volunteers and potential cake stalls will be going out on FaceBook and in the newsletter over the next few weeks. Please put this in your diary now as we'll need all hands on deck to make this a great fundraiser for the school.

P & C Events

Please keep an eye out for other P&C run events during the year. Things are still a bit fluid with COVID; but we are aiming to do as much as possible and put a lot back into the school community. New members are always welcome and we also appreciate any volunteer help we can get.



On Monday 22 February Girl Guides around the world celebrate World Thinking Day (WTD), by taking part in activities that celebrate the service, advocacy and leadership skills we've developed in girls and young women for 100 years in NSW. The day is called World Thinking Day.

Students at BVPS who are a member of the Girl Guides will be asked to wear their Girl Guide uniforms to school on this day.

Contact Sarah Sweeney - 0477 856 329 if you need more information.

MEETING

Bega Girl Guides have resumed "face to face" meetings. This is for girls aged 7 - 14 years and meet on a Tuesday night from 6.30pm till 8.00pm. Some exciting news is we now have a new Gumnut group for girls aged 6 to 7 years who meet on a Tuesday from 4.00 pm till 5.00 pm. For more information ring Anne on 0411281434 or ask a girl at your school that already is a Guide or Gumnut what it is all about.

Many thanks for your support,
Anne Moore - Guide Leader

Friendly Reminders

School Arrival Time - Students are supervised from 8:35am. Please do not send your child earlier as there is no supervision until teachers commence morning duty. Students who do arrive earlier than 8:35am are asked to wait at the front of the Library until the morning bell sounds.

School Pick Up Time — Parents/Carers entering the school between 9:05am – 3pm are asked to sign in/out at the Office. For the safety and well-being of all of our students, we need to know who is in our school at all times. Please don't be offended if a Staff member reminds you to sign in.

The afternoon bell sounds at 3:05pm, **Parents/Carers are asked to wait out the front of the school and arrive no earlier than 3:00pm**

Drink Bottles - Students are encouraged to bring a drink bottle to school with water in it, particularly during the warm weather.

Please do not bring glass bottles as they shatter and break when dropped, which is a Health & Safety issue.

Office Messages — please limit sending your child messages via phone through the office, except for urgent matters. It is important for children to be organised and know what is happening each day, to have their lunch organised and their way of getting home known in advance. We understand at times there is a need to send through messages to students if urgent.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER – Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Our School Photo Day will be held on **Wednesday 3rd March 2021**. Your child/children's envelopes will be handed out to take home this week. Please ensure that each child brings their photo envelope with them **ON THE DAY ALONG WITH THEIR MONEY**. This is to be handed to their teacher on the morning of their photos.

If you would like a sibling photo taken, **sibling order envelopes** are available at the front office and are also required to be brought to school on the day along with money.

Alternatively you can order photos online by logging onto **www.theschoolphotographer.com.au** using **code X1072EC39B**. If you order the photos online please ensure that your child still brings in their photo envelope with your receipt number written clearly in the space provided.

Thank you.



Class News 5/6J

The students in 5/6J have enjoyed a productive start to 2021. This has included work with the PBL Quality Start. The children have participated in learning activities based around what makes a

Quality Classroom

Quality Student

Quality Teacher

This culminates in the children deciding on the 5/6 classroom code of conduct which every student signs. This provides the basis for classroom behaviour and expected student behaviour.



Student Parliament News

BVPS SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2021



Chelsea, Alyce, Callum & Archer

Class News KA

KA has had a great start to Term 1. It has been great getting to know all of the faces at drop-off over the first week. The students have been enjoying getting to know each other, they have begun settling into our school routines beautifully and are ready to learn.

Our nursery rhyme craft has been a hit!



Class News K6B

We have had a fantastic start to the year in K6B. The students are settling in to new routines and getting stuck into lots of great learning. So far this term we have been reading some books about friendship and writing about what makes a good friend. We have also been creating some portraits in different styles. The students have experimented with different drawing materials including oil pastels and chalk, creating some great results!

The class are also enjoying music lesson with Mrs McViety every week, and love going to the library with Mrs Deen.

We are looking forward to another big year of learning!



Sports News

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who attended the Swimming Carnival last Friday and participated in competitive and novelty events. The school values of respect, responsibility, cooperation and friendship were displayed to a high level.

The Age champions for swimming for 2021 are:

Junior Boy	Levi Gowing
Junior Girl	Lily Byrnes
11 Years Boy	Ashton Gowing -
11 Years Girl	Harper Hayes
Senior Boy	Rylan Byrnes
Senior Girl	Lily Lucas

The winning sporting house was Fraser, in a closely contested pointscore!

District Swimming Carnival Eden

A group of 17 students has been selected on qualifying times to compete at the District Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 23rd February at Eden Pool.

Permission notes need to be returned to Mrs Roberts at school as soon as possible. There will be a canteen at the carnival. Unfortunately, due to COVID rules there will be no parent/carers spectators allowed at the carnival. Mrs Roberts will be supervising the BVPS students at the carnival. Starting time is 8:45am and the carnival will be finished around 1:00pm.

Mrs Roberts will meet competitors at the pool by 8:30am. Transport to the carnival is by parents/carers, however, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Gowing will be available to transports students.

Any questions relating to the carnival please contact Mrs Roberts at school.

Goodluck to all our competitors!

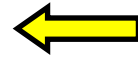
Swimming for Sport Stage 2 & 3 classes

This Friday, 19th February all students in 3/4C, 3/4T, 3/4B, 3F and 5/6J, 5/6B, 5/6R will commence our Term 1 Swimming Program. The students will travel to Bega pool by bus (\$2.50 to class teachers each week) for their sport lesson on Friday morning. It is not a whole day event! Money for the pool (\$3.10) is to be paid each week at the pool. Permission notes need to be returned promptly.

Skills developed during the program include water safety, survival skills and stroke techniques.

The swimming program continues for six consecutive weeks. If parents/carers have any concerns about the swimming program, please contact the class teacher.

BVPS 2021 SWIMMING CARNIVAL



LANDY

BRADMAN



GOOLAGONG



FRASER



Class News 2/3F

In 2/3F we have begun the year with a strong focus on the school values and establishing our routines. The whole class has played a part in developing our shared understanding of what makes a quality learning environment and how each student can contribute to that.

Our days are already very full and usually start with our literacy sessions. These sessions include teaching and learning activities designed to develop students' skills in all aspects of literacy. We have started our writing program with a focus on narrative and are currently focusing on long vowel sounds in spelling.

In Mathematics we have started the term with a focus on number. Students have been revising their knowledge of place value and practising their skills in counting, ordering and representing numbers. We have been revising and practising a range of mental strategies for addition and subtraction and developing our understanding of the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction.

2/3F have also been enjoying lessons in Music and Visual Art with our specialist teachers and have created some wonderful pieces including self-portraits. I look forward to getting to know your children better and the opportunity to meet this term during interviews.



LIBRARY BAGS

Having a great **Library Bag** encourages regular library borrowing. Good size, quality Library Bags at a reasonable price can be hard to find. Presenting fully lined, triple stitched library bags (approx. 50cm X 50cm) including name tag, made with love by a Teacher-Librarian.

Only \$12 each – or \$10 each for orders of 10 or more (+ postage)

Schools may purchase batches of these beautiful, strong Library Bags, which may be on-sold to students or used as rewards incorporated into your library programme. They also make lovely gift bags. Fabrics will vary from time to time but all will be top quality and you may indicate preferences in design.

Please contact Mrs Aveen Beedles to order.

abeedles@bigpond.net.au

0411782275



BVPS LUNCH TIME BIKE RIDING



Fun Times



Three-Way Interviews

Dear parent/carer,

Three-Way interviews will be held in **Week 6, Monday 1st March – Thursday 4th March**. Teachers have made themselves available at various times during this period. This is a great opportunity **for you and your child** to meet with their classroom teacher to discuss your child's first few weeks of term, establish individual learning goals and ask any questions you may have. The meeting helps to build a student's sense of responsibility and accountability for their learning.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on **6492 1280**

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **nkm92**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your selected bookings **will be emailed to you immediately**. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling.

Update your details if the email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive as it has vital information regarding your interview and Covid restrictions that you are required to follow. **Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.**

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by Monday 1st March, at 12.00pm.

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

Please Note: If you do not have access to suitable technology or do not have an email address, please contact the school office to arrange your appointment.

Melissa Fay
Relieving Principal
18.2.21

Gabby here from FLING Physical Theatre, I hope you're well.

We have just started our dance program for 2021 and would love to let your students & families know about the classes we have on offer this year.

GET MOVING, GET FIT AND HAVE FUN WITH FLING PHYSICAL THEATRE!

At FLING we believe **DANCE IS FOR EVERYBODY** and we are offering a range of awesome classes for kids, teens and adults in Bega, Tathra and Merimbula.

Classes offered include Dance FIT, Young Dance Creatives, Dance Gym, Parkour, Ballet, Dance Industry Contemporary, NEW Flow Hoop, and our Youth Performance Companies >>YFLING (7-10yrs) FLUX Creators (11-14yrs) & FLING Company (14yrs+).

FLING accepts both Active Kids and Creative Kids vouchers. Term 1 has just started, to book go to <http://www.flingphysicaltheatre.com.au/community-dance-classes.html>



RIVER SUNDAY

FREE family morning: Tree planting & Indigenous Art Making at the Bega River:

Djiringanj educator, Marcus Mundy, will instruct students on creating art using ochre, while sharing the importance of the Bega River plants and animals to the Djiringanj people.

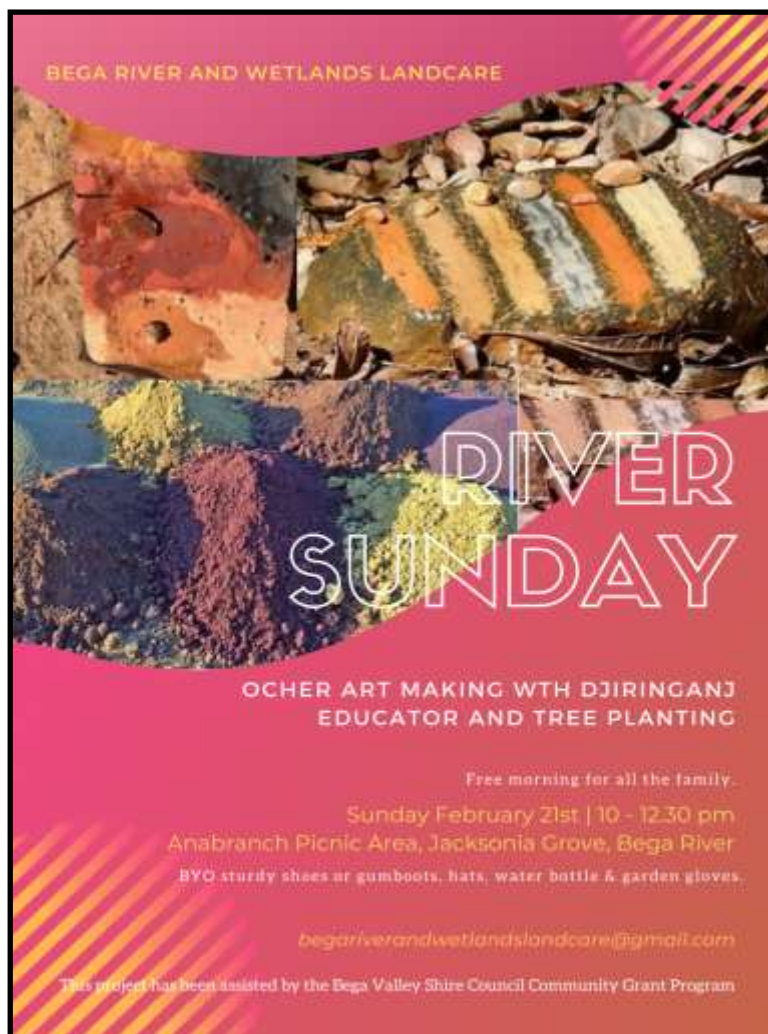
Join Bega River and Wetlands Landcare on Sunday 21st February, 10-12.30pm

@ Anabranche Picnic Area, Jacksonia Grove, Bega River (near the causeway towards the Racecourse end)

Bring: Water bottles, sturdy shoes, sun hats, garden gloves.

begariverandwetlandslandcare@gmail.com;
0408 649 282.

Bega River and Wetlands Landcare (BRAWL)
Community Coordinator
0408 649 282



Back to School Road Rules Quiz Competition

from 15th Feb– 14th March 2021

Transport for NSW are running a **Back to School Road Rules Quiz Competition**. The aim of the quiz is to improve parent/guardian awareness of road rules and behaviour in and around school zones, with the ultimate goal to keep children safe.

All schools in the Southern region of New South Wales are being invited to participate and asked to promote the quiz to parents/guardians of students who attend their schools. If you'd like to be involved, we invite you to promote the quiz via your social media page and within your newsletters from the 15th February 2021.

The competition closes on 14th March 2021 so the sooner you promote it, the better!

Parents/guardians who complete the quiz can go in the draw to **WIN a \$250 fuel gift card or one of 11 \$25 fuel gift cards.**

Your school could WIN a prize too! The school that the Major Prize Winner belongs to will also receive a **\$250 Officeworks Gift Card**

Option 1:

WANT TO WIN A \$250 or \$25 Fuel Gift Card?

Take the Transport for NSW Back to School Road Rules Quiz to go in the draw.

Click on the link to get started: [https://](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCHOOLQ)

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This competition will close at midnight on 14th March 2021. Winners will be drawn within 7 days.

Option 2:

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE ROAD RULES IN AND AROUND SCHOOL ZONES?

Take the Transport for NSW Back to School Road Rules Quiz to find out. You could win a \$250 or \$25 Fuel Gift Card just for having a go!

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**Complete the
Back to School Road Rules Quiz
and you could win a \$250 fuel card
or 1 of 11 runner up prizes**



The school the major prize winner belongs to will also win a \$250 Officeworks gift card. Competition closes 14 March 2021.

Bega Devils

**Registrations now open online for Season
2021**

www.playfootball.com.au

**Junior competition from Under 7's right
through to**

**Reserve Grade men's, Ladies and First
Grade**

Active kids vouchers accepted



For more info call
0413 028 460



2021 Bega Minor Rugby League Tackle and Girls Tag Competition

The 2021 Season is about to begin. Online Registrations are up and running, Active Kids Voucher can be used for regos. To join a team from Under 7s to 16s all the details are on the Bega Minor League Facebook page or just go to the website playrugbyleague.com and sign up. Any questions, please email the club begaml18@gmail.com



Congratulations!

Far South Coast District AFL Team.

Congratulations to Callum , Phoenix , Flynn and Andrew from Bega Valley Public School who were successful in gaining a position in the Far South Coast District AFL Team. These players were selected at the trials on Wednesday afternoon in Merimbula, February 17.

They will play at the South Coast Carnival in Batemans Bay on Thursday, March 18.

On the day a South Coast representative team will be selected to play in Byron Bay at the State Carnival, May 4-6. 🏏

