



# Bega Valley PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Phone: (02) 6492 1280

Where every student is known, valued and cared for

## COMING UP TERM 3

**Wed 30 August**  
K-2 Performance  
'The Day the  
Crayons Quit'

**Thurs 31 August**  
K-2 Performance  
'The Day the  
Crayons Quit'

**Friday 1st September**  
KINDER 2024  
SMOOTH START

**Friday 8th September**  
KINDER 2024  
SMOOTH START

**Friday 15th September**  
KINDER 2024  
SMOOTH START

**Fri 22nd Sept**  
**Last day of Term 3**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

As many of you may have noticed we have had a large amount of capital works happening across our school this term.

Our school gained a Sustainable Schools Grant to extend the Aboriginal Cultural Garden and Yarning Circle. A big thank you to our Environmental Ed teacher- Mt Teudt for putting the application together and for managing the project. He was even on the tools for two days completing the extension with the contractors over the last school holidays. We will have an official opening later in the year when the last remaining elements have been completed.

Our new playground equipment has finished being installed. It is due to be signed off this week! The students and staff are very keen to be able to use this fantastic new outdoor learning space. Thank you to the P & C and to the families that were able to financially support us through voluntary contributions this year to help the school pay for the equipment.

We are also having a safety fence installed around the boundary of the buildings at school. We are one of only two local schools that were lucky enough to be able to secure funding to install the fence to ensure the safety of our students and the security of our facilities. We thank you for your patience and flexibility while these works are being completed.

Lastly our GA Glenn is extremely happy with his new work shed, which has also freed up storage room across our school.

I look forward to a fantastic remainder of the term and will see many of you this **Wednesday and Thursday at the K-2 play- The Day the Crayons Quit.**

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: 8.30AM TO 3.30PM  
Website: [bega-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://bega-p.schools.nsw.gov.au)

Principal: Melissa O'Meara



WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING  
KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS FOR 2024!

**BEGA VALLEY**  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

**ENROL NOW**



### Smooth Start Dates

Fridays

1st September, 8th September, 15th September,  
27th October & 3rd November 2023

Children attend one 2 hour session a day -  
9.30 - 11.30am OR 12.30-2.30pm  
please book

### Kindergarten Orientation

Friday 10th November 2023

9.15am-11am



Dear Parents/Carers

If you have a Pre-School child starting school next year 2024 and they will be attending Bega Valley Public School, now is the time to contact us and enrol your CHILD into our Smooth Start Kindergarten Transition Program and Orientation Day. Kindergarten Smooth Start and Orientation gives the children a glimpse of school life and the parents all the information they need for a successful and stress free start to school.

IF YOU NEED ENROLMENT INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILD PLEASE  
CONTACT OUR OFFICE STAFF ON 6492 1280 OR ACCESS THE ONLINE  
ENROLMENT FORM ON OUR BVPS WEBSITE

**(SCAN THE QR BARCODE TO TAKE YOU DIRECTLY TO OUR WEBSITE)**

[HTTPS://BEGA-P.SCHOOLS.NSW.GOV.AU](https://BEGA-P.SCHOOLS.NSW.GOV.AU)



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## ARRIVAL OR COLLECTION OF A CHILD OUTSIDE OF NORMAL HOURS

Children learn best when routines are in place. Frequent absenteeism does impact on a child's learning and can also affect their social relationships and confidence at school.

**Late Arrival** after 9:05am:—A parent or guardian **MUST** accompany the child to the office to sign in electronically, collect a late arrival slip and present this slip to the teacher. Children arriving late and unaccompanied will be asked to wait until their Parent/Carer is contacted.

**Early Departure** before 3:05pm:—A parent or guardian **MUST** let the office know that they will be picking up their child/children early, preferably before you arrive, so we can organise the child/children to be at the front office for their pick up and to get signed out electronically.

A valid reason for late arrival and early departure is essential and recorded

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## REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

### Attendance and Absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 6 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 unjustified on the student's record.

### School Hours

Regular school hours:	9:05am- 3.05pm
Lunch :	11.05—11.50am
Recess:	1.30pm—2.00pm



## SENTRAL APP

Download the new communication App Sentral Parent Portal.

You will need a unique digital key to be able to access the portal.

Please contact the school to obtain a key if you have not received one yet.

Fantastic features such as booking interviews, recording an absence or checking the date of an event on our calendar that is updated daily.



## P&C MEETING

Next P&C meeting is on Tuesday **17th of October** at 5:30pm at BVPS staff room, all welcome.



### School SENTRAL Parent Portal App

If you would like to notify us of your child's absence via the SENTRAL Parent Portal App.

Please do so in attendance not as a written message to the teacher.

Thank you.



## ABSENCES

SMS messages are sent out everyday, mid morning, to parents if their child/children are absent on the day. Could you please reply to this message with the reason.

Please only use this number to reply to our SMS not to initiate a message to us.



Visit our Website

[bega-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://bega-p.schools.nsw.gov.au)

## 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 and the P & C will go out on Facebook, so make sure you join.



# Class News KJ



Another busy Term for KJ!

We have had so many new and exciting things happening across the school this term. In Week 3 the Kindy's took part in their very first BVPS Book Week celebrations. This included dressing up as their favourite book character, participating in the parade and exploring the beautiful texts during the book fair. KJ were also lucky enough to celebrate Education Week in Week 3. To mark 175 years of public-school education in NSW, we looked back upon classrooms of the past through photographs and a variety of comparison activities. Students also planned, drafted and published letters to their future selves to be stored in our BVPS time capsule.

In the classroom we continue to build our letter-sound knowledge, with many students now beginning to explore diagraphs and blends having mastered their single letter sounds. In Writing, we are working on building our independence and resilience by stretching and sounding words to assist with spelling as well as reading back our writing to ensure that it makes sense. In Maths, our number sense continues to grow as we explore numbers before and after, number combinations and strategies for adding, subtracting, and sharing. This term we are lucky enough to have Mrs. Franks teaching us Science as well as Creative and Performing Arts. We look forward to opportunities to work with our 5/6B buddies, who have been helping us practice our throwing and catching skills.

As the term progresses, we look forward to our K-2 performance 'The Day the Crayons Quit,' which will take place in Week 7. KJ will be acting the part of the purple crayons and will be required to wear purple clothing for the performance. The excitement is building as the students work hard to memorize their dance routine and lines for the performance. Don't forget to purchase your tickets from the front office .





## Class News KA

The term so far has seen KA students develop letter-sound knowledge which has supported their writing skills and enabled them to produce some amazing writing samples. Throughout 3 way interviews students were proud to share their writing samples with parents. Many parents weren't surprised and said that at home their child just wants to keep writing! Their love for learning has been amazing and all students should be super proud. We cant wait to share our information on turtle this week. In Maths, we have been exploring number combinations and strategies for adding, subtracting and sharing. This term we have had Mrs Shovelton teaching the students about safety and taking them out for PE. Also, this term Mrs Franks is sharing her love about Creative and Performing Arts and Science. Buddies continue on Fridays as we share some outside games this term run by 5/6J.

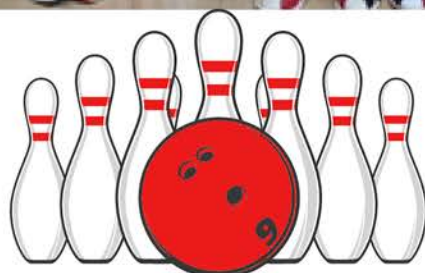
A special thank you to parents for the amazing effort put into your child's costume for BVPS Book Week celebrations. The students enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character, participating in the parade and viewing the books on display from Candelo Books.

As the term progresses, we look forward to our K-2 performance 'The Day the Crayons Quit,' which will take place in Week 7. KA will be acting the part of the red crayons and will be required to wear red clothing for the performance. The excitement is building as the students work hard to memorize their dance routine and lines for the performance. Don't forget to purchase your tickets from the front office.



### Inter-school Bowling Competition

On the 10th of August, a small team of talented bowlers travelled to Merimbula to compete in the annual inter-schools Ten Pin Bowling competition. Deacen, Elijah, Darcy and Ryan competed against students from Bega High at the Top Fun bowling alley. The team played well and displayed excellent sportsmanship. While the high-schoolers won on the day, Miss Derwent and Blake were very impressed with the skills and behaviour shown by our Bega Valley team. Well done everyone!





## Class News 1/2N



In maths this term, we have been learning to record number sentences in a variety of ways using drawings, words, numerals and symbols. Students are encouraged to consider situations in everyday life that involve mathematical problem solving, before calculating and explaining their answer. Students need to be able to explain the strategy they have used to find their answer. "How do you know?" is a great question to ask. Your mathematician might use a number line, bar model or a picture to show their mathematical reasoning.

## Class News 12B and 12J

Earlier this term, we completed our unit of learning about forces. Students collaborated to design and build an arcade game using boxes, sticky tape and scissors. Students were required to test and revise their creations to overcome any design errors. Miss Bartlett and Miss Jennings were impressed by the teamwork and resilience of the groups. The students enjoyed working with different peers across the two classes.





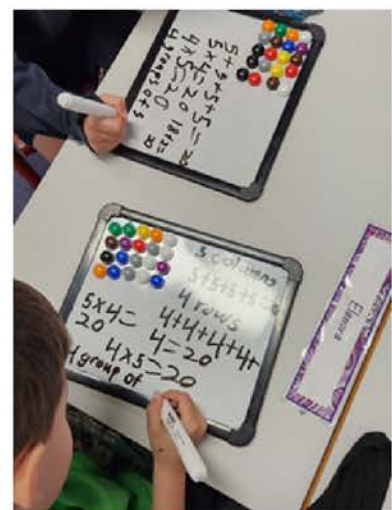
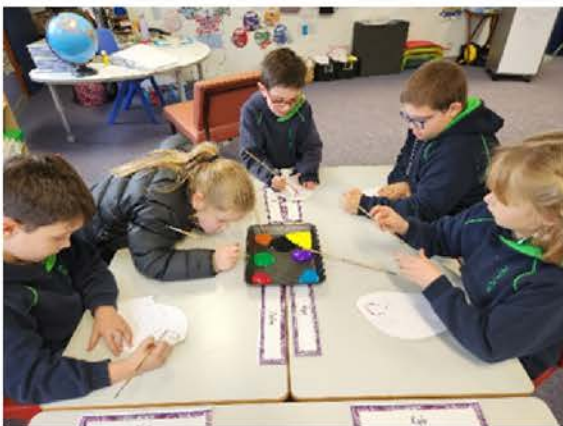
## Class News 1/2M

12M enjoyed activities during our NAIDOC Week celebrations and the of Term 2. They participated in Indigenous painting, Dreamtime storytelling and games run by the Year 5 and 6 Indigenous students. Students like familiarising themselves with local language during the week and every week.

This term, we have the pleasure of having Mrs Deen working with us in Maths using some of our technology as part of our activities. So far, we have used the bee bots to practice and reinforce our use of positional language, ability to follow and give directions. Currently, we are practicing to identify and make time with digital and analog clocks combining that with our bee bots.

We are getting better at counting large collections by different amounts instead of counting by ones. The students are getting into the habit of finding or counting groups of 10. We used grids to begin our use of making and counting arrays to solve how many are there.

Students also enjoyed Book Week and Education Week. The students were very excited to dress up as their favourite book characters and put a lot of creativity into their costumes. 12M thought it was amusing attempting to write letter to their future selves for our school's time capsule. They were trying to imagine themselves as grownups reading their current letters about what they like and who their friends are.



## Class News 3/4F

This term 3/4F have started a science unit called The Earth, Sun and Moon and are learning about how the Earth, Sun and Moon interacts. This topic is also the theme for our Art and Digitech. The students have enjoyed creating some colourful art works of the Sun and we have started to construct moon rovers with Lego WeDo. Students will construct the rover from Lego and then use robotics to control its movement.



WOW!!!



LET'S  
PLAY



## Class News 4/5R

It has been a busy start to Term 3 with students focusing on their learning goals, collaborating with class members in a productive manner and trying to display the independent learning disposition on a more consistent basis. Students are working towards increasing their individual dojo points to move along the school PBL star wall.

In Maths we have been continuing our warm-ups where we are learning to use and demonstrate mathematical terminology to explain the strategies we choose when answering questions and problem solving.

We have been learning how to identify key words in factual texts, to write bullet points and then expand these facts into an information report on Polar Bears. Our integrated unit on Endangered Animals is the focus for this term and we have been researching, viewing and learning about a range of endangered animals in Australia and the world.

Our PD/Health this term focuses on Growing and Changing and keeping safe in different situations. The class are enjoying PE and Sport lessons where we practise skills and then try to apply them to game situations.

The room is looking very colourful thanks to the wonderful art lessons Mrs Franks is doing on Thursdays. We are looking forward to the play and camp in Term 4! Sadly, we farewelled Alan last week as he moved out of the area.

Finally, we are very excited to see the new playground equipment. We have been having a competition in class to create our own designs with some very creative suggestions!



*Learning*  
IS FUN

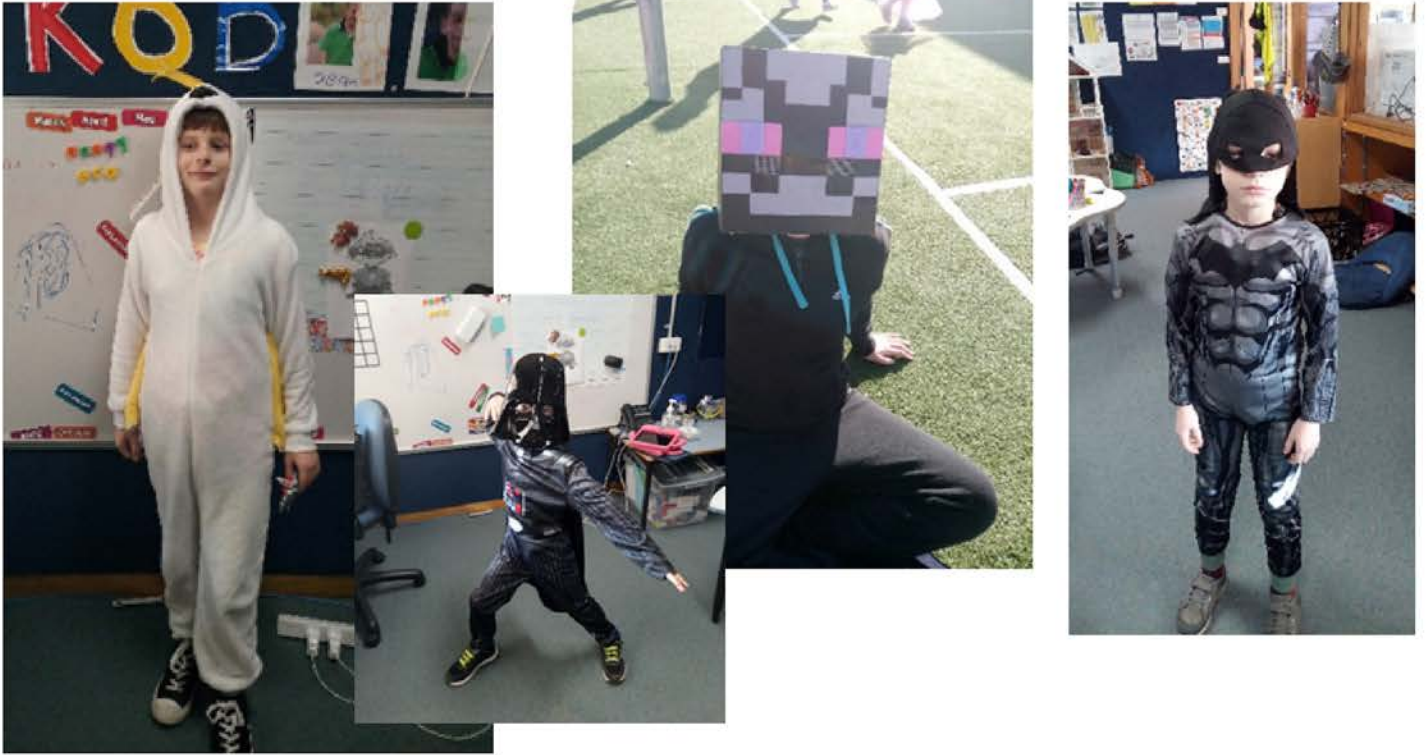


SO FUN



## K6B News

The students in K6B are enjoying another busy term. The students were very excited to dress up as their favourite characters for the Book Parade during Education Week. The boys had some very creative costumes!



K6B have also been enjoying our Digi Tech sessions with Mrs Deen. The class have been using the Dash robots to develop their coding skills and solve some tricky challenges. We have been using Dash in our maths lessons too, including programming Dash to follow a pattern.



# Class News K6O

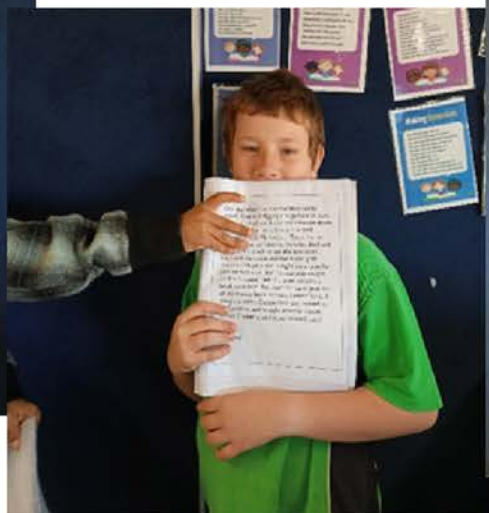
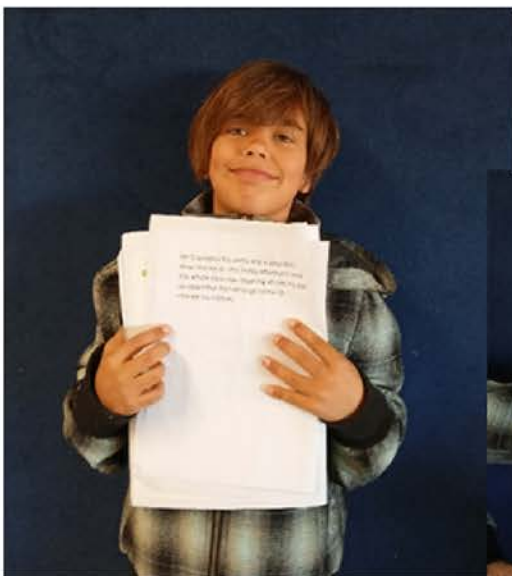
Wow! I can't believe we are already over halfway through what has been a very busy Term Three. During our writing lessons, we have been focusing on narrative writing and structure. Here are some photos of some of the narratives we have been working on.



During our Art lesson last week, students experimented with different patterns to create unique artworks. We traced the outline of our hands and filled them in with different patterns. Here are some of our final products.



As part of our chance lesson in Mathematics, K6O have been playing Clear the Board. Clear the Board incorporates the concepts of addition and chance. Students need to think flexibly and consider many possibilities to be the first to clear their boards. Students place blocks pragmatically on their boards and need to clear off blocks by adding two dice together and landing on a number that has a block on it. Mr O'Sullivan

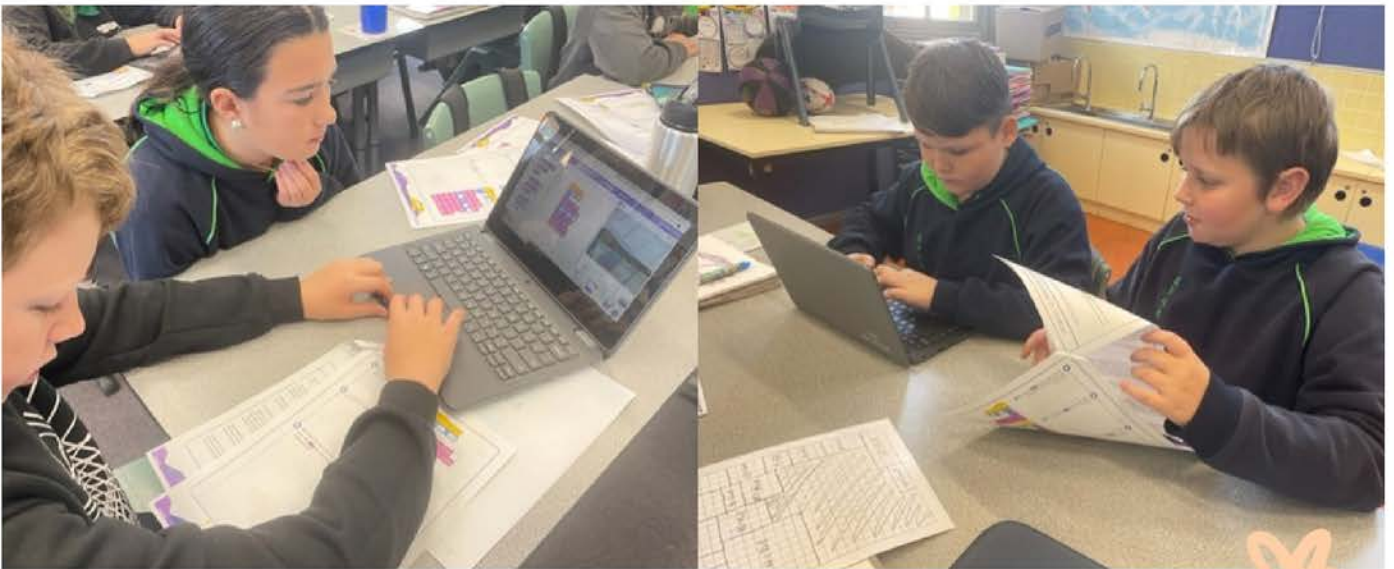


## Class News 5/6M

This term we have a book focus on Blueback by Tim Winton. This unit provides opportunities to explore ideas that support sustainability at all levels by reducing our global.

We ask questions about how human actions impact the natural environment and what role humans can play in ensuring that the environment is preserved and protected.

We have started rehearsing and preparing for this year's play Charlotte's Web which will be performed at the beginning of term 4.



## Class News 5/6 B

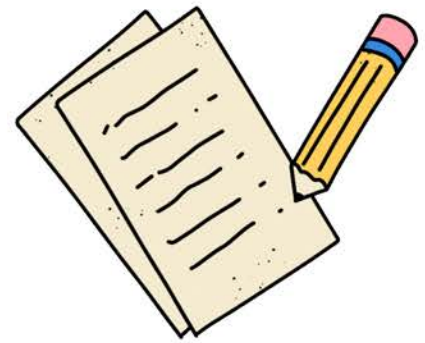


It has been another very busy and exciting start to the term. We had education week and students enjoyed learning about the history of public education and the extensive history of public education in Bega. We wrote letters to our future self that will be buried in a time capsule to be revisited years down the track. Our English unit for the term is centred around the novel 'Blueback'. Students are enjoying engaging with the text and the learning activities we are doing in relation to the novel.

Students in 5/6B have actively represented the school in a variety of extra-curricula opportunities recently. We have been well represented in ICAS assessments, as well as the school music program performances and a variety of PSSA sporting teams and Athletics. Well done to all students from our class that have represented the school as they have done a very admirable job.

The second half of the year is a very busy time in a Year 5/6 class with us having a major role in the school play, transition to high school for our Year 6 students and the opportunity for Year 5 to nominate for elected leadership positions in 2024. School camp is also now only 3 months away. Camp is a great opportunity for students to have their learning supported with a range of fun activities as well as connect with their peers and teachers. If you have any questions regarding camp, please call the school.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting second half of the year!!!!







# SPORTS NEWS

It has been an extremely busy and successful time for students at our school participating in sporting teams during Term 2 and Term 3. Our school athletics carnival was held at the end of Term 2, with the winning house being Fraser.

School age champions were Addie Bateman and Linken Whiley (juniors), Freya Russell and Jacob Elliot (11 years) and Talerah Thomas and Ewan Van Der Westhusen (seniors). The participation at the carnival was fantastic.

We had a team of 50 BVPS students represent our school at the Sapphire Coast District Athletics carnival with wonderful sportsmanship and effort which resulted in our school being named overall champion school! In wonderful news, we had four age champions at this carnival, Freya Russell (equal 11 years), Jacob Elliot (11 years), Jasmine Young (senior) and Ewan Van Der Westhuysen (senior). We now have 15 students who have qualified to compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival as part of the Sapphire Coast team, on the 1st September at Canberra. Goodluck to those students!

All classes participated in the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge during Term 3, where they focused on participating in daily fitness activities for a period of at least 20 minutes a day. Classes in Stage 2 and 3 kept a track of their physical activity with a sporting log. It would be great to see students continue to participate in daily physical activities at school and in the local community after school and on the weekend.





# District Athletics Carnival



## Yarning Circle/Koori Cultural Garden Expansion: Connecting with Nature and Culture

We are excited to announce the expansion of our Yarning Circle/Koori Cultural Garden to incorporate a walking path and additional gardens for native plants. This expansion aims to create a space where our entire school community can come together, connect with nature, and deepen their understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. The walking path will provide a serene environment for reflection and learning, while the new gardens will allow us to explore the beauty and significance of native plants. Our thanks to Mr Teudt, the garden groups and the Stage 3 students in the Cultural Program for their ongoing hard work in planning, cultivating and digging deep to continue developing this space for us.





# LIBRARY NEWS

## Book Club

BOOK CLUB catalogues were handed out last week and orders are due back by Tuesday 5th September, 2023.

The preferred method of ordering books is via the Parent Loop.

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### CREDIT CARD

To pay by credit card— Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) OR download the **LOOP** app. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order. You do not need to complete the order form.

Alternatively, students can bring a clearly marked order form, with their name, class and the correct amount of money in a sealed envelope/bag.



## Book Character Parade and Book Fair

Bega Valley Public School's Book Fair and Book Parade was a massive success, and I would like to thank the staff, students and parents/carers who were able to make this event so successful.

We are thrilled to report that there are a huge number of readers in the Bega Valley Public School community. The school's children, their families and staff purchased 210 books at the Book Fair, and spent \$2571.03, earning the library a credit of \$257.10.

I would like to say a big thank you to Candelo Books for providing the books for our annual Book Fair.

## 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has been finalised and we have had another very successful year with 202 students completing the reading challenge. All K-2 and Support Classes successfully completed the challenge. The undefeated 3/4T once again completed the most challenges for Stage 2 and 5/6M displayed a great effort completing the most challenges in Stage 3. Great work!



# Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight  
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week  
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

**ReBOOT** in  
*Bermagui*

*Fun for kids, families, everyone!*

ReBoot in Bermagui is on the long weekend Saturday 30th September and Sunday 1st October 2023. Adults and kids fun runs, ocean swims, tug-o-war (kids comp too!), boot camp, tai chi, yoga, pilates, Oops! The Clown, netball shoot out, SUP, barefoot bowls, tennis, croquet and more! See the full program at [rebootinbermagui.com.au](http://rebootinbermagui.com.au) and REGISTER NOW online or by email to [rebootinbermagui@gmail.com](mailto:rebootinbermagui@gmail.com)

For event updates follow ReBoot in Bermagui on Facebook and Instagram.



## **THE SAPPHIRE COMMUNITY PANTRY**

**Provides affordable groceries & produce, helping people's budget go further. Everyone in the community is welcome to shop with us. You do not need to have a health care card, or any meet any requirements to shop with us. We also help people in need by supplying food and essentials for no charge.**

**Address: 2 Peden Street, Bega. (Opposite Beaurepaires)**

### **HOURS:**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 11:00am to 2:00pm**

**Thursday - 11:00am to 4:00pm**

## **RICKY'S PLACE**

**Ricky's Place is our community cafe, running from the kitchen at St John's Anglican Church in Bega.**

**We offer delicious, freshly prepared meals that anyone can enjoy, while providing a welcoming space for socialising over tea, coffee, or a bite to eat. While the meals are free, we greatly appreciate any donation to help offset our expenses. Menu changes weekly.**

### **HOURS:**

**Every Monday 12:30pm - 2:00pm**

**Volunteers always needed at both locations.**

**For more info, contact Mandi - 0490 843 518**