



# Beverley District High School

Independent Public School

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Our School Voice

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## News Updates and Reminders

- Wheatbelt Leadership Forum – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2017.
- Year 4-12 Fun Afternoon at the town oval, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.
- Positive Parenting Programs – Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- Kindy/Pre-Primary Christmas Concert – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017.
- Monetary donations towards End of Year Book Prizes can be left at the school office. Thank you for your support.

## Check Connect Notices



## Terrific progress in reading, mathematics and science

Our students from Years 1 to 10 have completed some formal testing to check on their progress in three key areas of learning, and we are very happy with their results. The students' results are compared to average student achievement across **both public and private schools** in all states and territories of Australia. Some highlights include:

- **All** our Year 1 students achieving at **average or better** in Mathematics
- **All** our Year 4 students achieving at **average or better** in Reading
- **Over three quarters** of our Year 6 students achieving at **average or better** in Reading, with **over one third** performing at the **highest levels**
- **Over three quarters** of our Year 6 students achieving at **average or better** in Science, and **nearly half** performing at the **highest levels**
- **Over three quarters** of our secondary students performing at **average or better** in Reading, with **22%** performing at the **highest levels**.

The following students have made excellent progress between 2016 and 2017, and should be congratulated!

Charlotte Murray  
Mathematics



Kane Blackley  
Reading



Henry Sattler  
Mathematics



Nixan Higgins  
Reading



Term	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> Positive Parenting Program 9.30am	21 <sup>st</sup> Wheatbelt Student Leadership Forum Yr 4-12 Fun Afternoon P&C Meeting 7pm	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> Canteen Open
Week 8	27 <sup>th</sup> Positive Parenting Program 9.30am	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> Newsletter	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> Canteen Open – Fundraiser: Cupcakes (recess) and Hotdogs (lunch)

## High School Update



In Home Economics, the high school have been making food art. This term, so far, we have made a mouse eating cheese by using a boiled egg as the mouse and various vegetables to decorate. We have also made spider cookies where we used liquorice to make the spider's features. Written by Jacinta.



In Mixed Media Art, students had to create a whimsical and playful image that captures the personality of the subject. As shown they have used their favourite animal and since our focus was on recycling paper, they used old newspapers, photo of their subject, adhering pieces, gel medium and incorporating colours to bring effects to their art.

## Year 4/5 Shire of Beverley Office Excursion



On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, the year 4/5 class went to the shire building to learn about the role of the local government. We left at 8:40 to start walking to the shire offices. When we got there we went in to the council chambers and asked our questions we had written previously. After we had all asked our questions, Mr De Beer showed us a drone that they used to take pictures and videos of properties. We then went to the library and they asked us to guess how many books they had in the library. There were over 3000 books there! On the way to the workshop, we walked through the caravan park and then on to look at the big grader. Then we went up some steep stairs into the projector room of the Town Hall. In the projector room we looked through holes at the empty stage. After that, Mrs Lewis and Mr Gollan took us back down the stairs to where we started. They gave out bags with two lollies and some magnets and pens. Blair thanked them for using up their time to show us around. On the way back Mrs Shaw bought us some icy poles that were really yummy! It was great to see what our local government does for our town. Written by Hayden.

## Year 1 Cooking

The Year 1 students have been very busy cooking once a week this term. They have been improving their cutting, mixing and chopping skills, as well as learning about safety in the kitchen, all while working collaboratively as a team. They have also enjoyed eating the wonderful food they have made.



Thank you to the parents who have come along to help on these afternoons Your time is greatly appreciated.





## P&C Nature Playground

The construction of the Nature Playground is underway! We have had a great deal of support in getting this far. The Shire of Beverley has contributed grant monies of \$2500 and CSBP with \$200 sponsorship. These funds combined with the P&C fundraising efforts over the past year means we are that much closer!

However, it's the business end of the project and we need you! We still have a long way to go and would love anyone who can assist with the projects to contact Jacinta Murray. We are requiring some manpower to get these poles in the ground! Pictured are some of our awesome helpers:

- # Andrew Schilling and Ryan Patterson – Phoenix Sheds
- # Bruce Kilpatrick, Wendy Moore and Alan Blencowe
- # BDHS Construction students building music wall
- # Andrew Schilling unloading timber



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### FUN AFTERNOON REMINDER



On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**, students from Year 4 to Year 12 will be participating in a fun afternoon at the Beverley Town Oval. They will be participating in activities such as Stunt Jump, the Ninja Obstacle Course and Wheelchair Basketball.

**Students are required to bring a water bottle, hat, bathers, towel, enclosed shoes and a change of clothes.**

**CHALLENGE**



### RAC Competition winners

Mrs de Groot's upper primary art students created artworks for the RAC Roadwise Wheatbelt road safety calendar. We are delighted that two of our students' entries were deemed winners and will appear in the calendar:

**Congratulations Ella and Leah!!**

### CUPCAKE SALE!

Year 9/10 students at BDHS are having a fundraiser for the trip to Adventure World.

We are going to sell cupcakes that will be on sale for \$1.00 each at recess on the 1st of December.





## Water Safety

In Australia, drowning is the number one cause of death for children under five. To keep your children safe around water:

- Always stay with your children and watch carefully when they are near water, even if they can swim.
- Teach your children about water safety and make sure they learn how to swim.
- Have the whole family learn first aid.
- If you have a pool have it fenced with self-closing gates.
- Never leave them alone in the bath.

The Education Department offers low-cost VacSwim programs for school aged children. For more information on swimming lessons during summer via VacSwim go to [www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculum/support/swimming/detcms/portal/](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculum/support/swimming/detcms/portal/) and for water safety tips see [www.lifesavingwa.com.au](http://www.lifesavingwa.com.au).

## Quick Tip

Bigger portions mean we consume more energy (kJ). This is an even bigger problem when we eat highly processed snack food, take away foods and sugary drinks.

Tips to eat healthy portion sizes:

- Use a smaller plate.
- Avoid going back for seconds and freeze leftovers straight away.
- Still hungry? Have a glass of water. If you're still hungry, try a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit.
- Eat at the table, not in front of the TV.
- Aim to fill half your plate with veg, one quarter with meat and alternatives (e.g. chicken, fish, legumes or tofu) and the last quarter with cereals and grains (e.g. rice, pasta, bread).

## Recipe Link

Thai Fish Cakes with Crunchy Salad: <https://livelighter.com.au/Recipe/269/thai-fish-cakes-with-crunchy-salad>

