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Congratulations to our 2015 School Captains! Pictured above are Jacqui V (Vice Captain), Shane C & Billie B (School Captains) and Adam C (Vice Captain).

A big welcome to our new student Sophia C who joined Room 10 last week. Welcome to you and your family to ‘our family’.

The autumn weather is upon us quickly; with a chilly start to the day, wishing for a little rain and then beautiful skies for the remainder. It all makes getting out of bed a little harder, doesn’t it? It is still a great idea to send hats in with students as the sun continues to beat down.

School Council Meeting Monday 23rd March @ 7.00pm
This meeting is our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and both the current and new members should attend. For the School Council members of 2014, this meeting will end for you at 8.00pm, and the new 2015 Council members will remain to address the items on the agenda.

Easter Raffle
Our Annual Easter Raffle provides plenty of interest every year. A huge thank you must go to all our families, staff and friends for donations of Easter eggs, bags and gifts, and for supporting the raffle by buying and selling raffle tickets. The fundraising committee work hard to raise money, which is then placed directly back into our school and programs. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 27 March at Assembly.
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School Photos
School photos were taken on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th February. All students/classes will be presented in a collage formation once again this year. The office staff will keep us informed regarding the arrival of the photos.

Would you like the newsletter sent to you electronically?
If you would prefer the newsletter to be emailed to your email address rather than in a hard copy, please provide your details to Marg in the office and we will certainly accommodate this request. There is a slip attached to this week’s newsletter.

Farewell to Jan E
We will farewell one of our long standing staff members this term from SDS. Jan E (Room 18) originally supported the H&PE program in a voluntary capacity, enabling students to get changed, get dressed and walk/wheel to and from various venues. Jan has worked as an Education Staff support person for the past twelve years. I know the staff and students will miss Jan; however, we say a very sincere thank you ‘to you’ Jan and wish you all the very best of health and happiness in your retirement.

Individual Education Plans
Jacqui and I will spend many an hour over the next two weeks reading each student’s Individual Education Plan. I always find this task very rewarding as it provides me with a further insight into the vast array of programs running at Bendigo SDS, the vision of each teacher, and the belief in our students. IEP’s will be sent home during the first week of Term Two.

Enjoy the weekend!

Julie Hommelhoff
Principal

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)
Next term the focus for our whole school community is “Act Safely”. This means that next week, which is planning week, teaching staff will develop curriculum and resources to explicitly teach our students about what acting safely looks like across our school environments. During Term Two teachers will conduct sessions on what acting safely looks like in different environments: classroom, bus bay or in the pool. Information about how staff are implementing these strategies will be provided in future whole school and classroom newsletters.

In Term Two we will also have our official launch of PBS to celebrate our achievements so far and to provide more information to families on future directions of this approach for our school. A date will be finalised soon.
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Positive Partnerships
This week I again joined the Positive Partnerships Victorian Parent Carer presenting team to deliver a two-day workshop in Preston. The workshop attracted over forty parents, which was terrific.

I really enjoy being part of this team, as it provides me with an opportunity to extend my knowledge and skills in autism education and also to learn from very experienced people in this field. My responsibility for this workshop was to deliver content on social support networks for families and sensory processing. Each time I am involved I come away with something new. With the focus being on the importance of parents and carers having some time to themselves as a strategy to buffer against stress, we shared “50 things you can do just for you”. Here are ten, just to get you started:

1. Read a whole chapter of that book you have been meaning to finish forever – no interruptions.
2. Spend five minutes soaking up the sunshine on your back or face.
3. Listen to an old favorite song that hasn’t been in your music rotation for months, maybe years.
4. Grab a coffee to go and sit on the grass in the nearest park.
5. Light some candles and sit in the bath for half an hour.
6. Indulge in a daydream or meditate for 20 mins.
7. Pick a vegetable you don’t recognize at the grocery store and make a meal with it for dinner.
8. Offer to make dinner for a friend – ask them what their favorite dish is.
9. Get lost in a secondhand bookstore and keep an eye out for old notes hidden in the pages.
10. Wake up early enough to watch the sunrise and enjoy the tranquility of that time of day.

I really hope that you are able to build some of these ideas into your day!

Buses
Unfortunately there will be bus changes to some students next term. The changes are needed to further improve the efficiency of two runs in particular. The runs, which will be effected, are Town 4 and Heathcote. Letters to notify the families of students who will be affected by these changes will be sent home early next week.

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Student Awards...

To be presented at assembly on Monday 16th March…

Karla R – Room 8                        Following her visual schedule.
Kiana L – Room 20                    For using loud words and acting safely.
Riley A – Room 20        For engaging in all aspects of Rm 20’s work program, especially ‘brain gym’
Ursula G – Room 3                Making good choices by listening to your teachers.
Ruby G – Room 3                     Making great progress with picture exchange communication.
Joshua F – Room 14                For being a good sport during our games session.
Jack B – Room 14                     For doing a great job during Canteen Shopping each Thursday.
Louis B – Room 14                    For excellent listening and turn taking during work skills on Fridays.
Jaylen T – Room 9                    Demonstrating good persistence in his walking.
Justin A – Room 18                   Being very brave and helping a friend!
Cohen B – Room 18                   Adjusting to new routines so well!!
Paige S – Room 19                    For doing her best to follow classroom routine.
Emily S – Room 19                    For doing her best working hard to independently work in tablework activities.

Thought for the day
Happiness is an inside job. Don’t assign anyone else that much power over your life.
Mandy Hale

Jacqui Righetti
Assistant Principal

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Head Lice Facts
Head lice treatments do not kill eggs! WHICH MEANS: Remaining eggs will hatch after treatment occurs

• Lice from hatched eggs can mature enough in 7 days to lay eggs. To avoid this happening, treat again in 6 days (not 7, as treatments indicate)
• Eggs can take up to 10 days to hatch! WHICH MEANS: Eggs are still hatching after second treatment. You need to treat the child’s hair until they are clear, not by the label!
• Conditioner and comb method is very effective (especially used with a ‘KP24’ comb). Even if you are not using this method to treat, it is handy to use it on all members of the family to establish who needs to be treated, before tackling the lead lice ‘cycle’

Students and families in their last years of school are invited to attend the annual
“Post School Options Information Evening”

This is a chance for parents and students, who are in their last years of school, to attend and learn about the options available to them. A wide range of adult services will attend the information evening to give a short presentation about what the services offer. Time will be given after the presentations for families to talk with representatives from the services and ask any questions they may have.

The “Post School Options Information Evening” will be held in the Bendigo SDS Multi-Purpose Room on Wednesday 25th March, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

A light supper will be provided. It would be wonderful to see a wide range of families attend this special night to help prepare all students for their future – upon leaving Bendigo Special Developmental School.

If you have any queries please contact me, at the school, on 5447 3267. Rosie Critchley, Leading Teacher
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All parents/friends/carers the 2015 SDS AFL footy tipping comp is starting up now and we want you!

Cost $25 – paid to Adam, Chris or front office
Prizes – 1st 55%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 10%, 4th 5% of total prize pool

For those who played last year (2014)
1) Enter your login details as you would have from last year at www.thegreatfootytipoff.com
2) Search for group to join – SDS2015
3) When it asks for the password type in: SDS2015
4) You should now be registered for this year’s SDS footy tipping BONANZA

For all new players
1) Go to www.thegreatfootytipoff.com and register
2) Search for group to join – SDS2015
3) When it asks for the password type in: SDS2015
4) You should now be registered for this year’s SDS footy tipping BONANZA

You can call the school and ask for Adam or Chris and we can help you register over the phone if that is easier for some people. Last year we had 38 people this year we want 50.

ATTENTION FAMILIES: PAYING ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS Directly into the School Bank Account

Dear Families
If you are paying your Essential Education Items directly into the School’s Bank Account, it is VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU IDENTIFY WHOM THE PAYMENT IS FROM - please make sure that you put the Family ID or the Student ID in the DESCRIPTION line.

Thank you for your cooperation with this. We do appreciate the number of families whom have paid fees already. We must ensure that payments are allocated correctly.

Don’t forget that whatever amount you pay in Term One, you will go into a draw to receive half the amount you have paid returned to you.

EFTPOS MACHINE
We have our Eftpos machine up running in reception now, making it more convenient for family payments.

Thank you and regards
Margaret Butler
BUSINESS MANAGER

CENTREPAY
Our Centrepay registration with Human Services has also been finalised, enabling family payments to be deducted directly from Centrelink payments. Please contact the office for more details.
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Student Immunisations 2015

Last week immunisation consent cards were sent home with students in the Years 7 to Years 10 age group.

The school immunisation program this year consists of:

- HPV (Gardasil) – (Human Papillomavirus X 3 doses)
- Boostrix – (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis)
- Chickenpox

Students in the Year 7 age group are scheduled to receive all three immunisations, whilst students in the Years 8, 9 and 10 age group are scheduled to receive the Boostrix immunisation only.

Please return your consent card to the office by Monday 16th March.

Please Note: We require ALL cards YES or NO to be returned to the school promptly as cards need to be checked by immunisation staff prior to immunisation day.

Thank you

Easter Raffle

Dear Parents and Carers, this term the Fundraising Team has once again decided to hold the Easter raffle. We would greatly appreciate your support in this, and all money raised will go towards valuable projects to improve our school facilities and equipment. The raffle prizes are to be hampers of Easter eggs. If each family could donate an egg, bunny or other relevant Easter item, this would make for a brilliant prize pool!

Donations will be collected from classrooms each day, and it would help us greatly if these could be brought in no later than Friday, March 20th so that the hampers can be put together.

Raffle books and sales money also will need to be returned no later than Friday March 20th.

The raffle is to be drawn at assembly on Friday, March 27th.

Thank you for your support,
The Fundraising Team
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Head Values

Why Are Treatments Unsuccessful?
- Parents / carers are not aware to re-treat child
- Treatment not applied properly (It doesn’t work)
- Conditioner / comb treatment used, but not properly
- Treatment applied properly, but lice are immune
- Child re-treated on day 7 (as most treatments direct) but lice lay more eggs by day 6

What You Can Do
- Treat until child is clear; not by the label
- Learn how to check if eggs are live
- Use a plastic lice comb before rinsing product out, to see if lice are still present; If yes, re-treat
- Re-treat in on day 6; so new cycle does not begin
- Continue treatment program until at least day 10
- Check everyone in the home
  (conditioner and comb is best) to establish who
  needs to be treated before tackling the cycle

Head Lice Reminder
In line with the SDS Head Lice Policy, students with active head lice and/or eggs, are exempted from their swimming program for two weeks or until they are ‘clear’ of head lice and/eggs.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

A Sporting Chance Program
“An inclusive sport and physical education programme aimed specifically at young individuals who have an ASD”
For information contact John Doherty @ Girton Grammar School. Email: johndoherty@girton.vic.edu.au

‘HOOKIN2HOCKEY’ Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club. Tuesdays 4pm – 5pm @ St Monica’s Primary School. Contact Danny Stone on 0418 552 464.

Kangaroo Flat Soup Kitchen Wednesday’s 6pm – 7pm @ Kangaroo Flat Rotary Gateway Park – see flyer for dates.

‘FANTASTICAL FETE DAY’ Community Market & Crazy Car Boot Sale. Saturday 28th March, 9am – 1pm. For Info Contact Geoff Young @ On Track Training & Employment ph. 5446 3477. See flyer for more information.

Thank You!

A big Thank You to Shirley Farrar for her kind donation of 60 new face washers to the school. We all appreciate your generosity!
**SCHOOL APP – TIQBIZ**

Have you signed up for the School App?
We are using an app to communicate with you.
You’ll be notified of our news, messages, event and other communications.

**ABSENCES:**
You can notify the school via the app if your child is going to be absent from school.

**PERMISSION FORMS:**
You can give permission for your child to attend an excursion/outing via the app.

**CANTEEN ORDERS:**
Canteen lists are also on the App, you can send your order through via the contact envelope on the App.

**PARENT PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL:**
You can let us know if you are coming to an event at School via the app e.g. International Day of People With a Disability, Christmas Basket Tea etc.
Contact the school office if you have any further enquiries.

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**HOME / SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS FORTNIGHT**

*Be involved in your child’s school.............*
- Have you checked out our Website or better still, made it your homepage?
- For Better or Worse tell us first if you have a concern
- **School Banking** every Wednesday
- Whole School Assembly Monday and Friday mornings 9.30am. Parents/Carers welcome to attend
- Parents and Friends / New Families - come for a cuppa! Fortnightly on a Friday morning. Date below.
- Keep the school up to date with your contact details. This is a very important safety issue.
- Are you moving? Please notify the office to assist with planning.
- Download the new Bendigo Special Developmental School App to your iPhone and iPad. It’s FREE

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**For purchase of New School Uniform – please see CentaVic clothing**

**Second Hand Uniform:**
Second Hand Uniforms are available from the school. If you would like to purchase an item please put a gold coin donation into an envelope. Please write your name and order on the front of the envelope (and your child’s name). If you have any enquiries, please contact the office.
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Our Website

www.bendigosds.vic.edu.au

Have you checked out our website lately? Each week we download our newsletter.

We have now added our newsletters to the site. If you would prefer to read the school’s newsletter on the website please let either your classroom or the office staff know and we can take your name off receiving a paper copy of the newsletter – or take your name off the e-mail list.

- To view our newsletter go to: www.bendigosds.vic.edu.au
- Then click on the ‘Newsletter’ tab along the left hand side of the page.
- You then select/click on the particular newsletter you would like to view
- You can also choose to subscribe to the newsletter on the website
- If you have any questions or problems with the website please contact the school office.

Sensory Garden

I / We are willing to donate the following amount of money for the Bendigo Special Developmental School Sensory Garden Project.

Name: ..........................................................
Donation: $

You will be issued with a Receipt for Tax Purposes upon receipt of Goods and / or Services.

Your generous contribution to our school is greatly appreciated by the students, staff and whole school community. Thank you.

ABN: 38377856296
DGR: 9004622602 (Deductible Gift Recipient)

Newsletter: E-mail Registration – Please Return Form to School Office.

Your Name: ..........................................................
Students Name: ....................................................
Students Room No: ..................................
E-mail Address that you would like us to E-mail the newsletter to:

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‘Find A Carer’

Find A Carer at www.findacarer.com.au is a website which connects carers and children with special needs, people with a disability and the elderly.

Web: www.FindACarer.com.au
Email: info@findacarer.com.au

Ph. (03) 9769 8917
Mob.0402 635 285

Follow us:
Parents & Friends Group / New Families
Our Parents (and Friends) gather once a fortnight to have a chat and a cuppa. Pre School children are most welcome to join in the fun! Our next meeting is Friday 20th March. Our meetings are held in the school staff room straight after School drop off. So why not come along and join us for a cuppa!

Access Travel Pass
Do you have the above assistance cards? We have application forms in the School Office. Our Health Professionals: Cherie (Occupational Therapist), and Callum (Speech Therapist) are willing and able to support you with the endorsement of forms if necessary.