Welcome to Nick S and his family to Bendigo SDS. We hope you enjoy getting to know the staff, students and routines this term Nick.

I hope to see many Parents / Carers at the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SW-PBS) Launch on Tuesday 16 June from 12.00pm.

Reminders:

June 24 – Student Achievement Conferences (SAC)
Staff are currently preparing reports against Individual Education Plans. We will share the experiences of your child with you at the SAC on the date mentioned above. All students are required at school in uniform for their appointment time only.

Individual Education Plans / Reports
The end of the Term is approaching very quickly. It is time to assess our students and their stages of development, and the great skills they have been working on across this semester. I have really enjoyed reading each and every Individual Education Plan, and the Mid-Year Reports which document our students’ successes and efforts towards achieving their learning goals. Well done to the students and staff. I look forward to being a part of the celebrations for this Term in the coming days.

Prep Information Evening – June 16 in the staffroom at 7.00pm.
Do you know of any families that may need us? The Prep Information Evening provides an opportunity for parents to tour our school, ask questions and find out a little about how our school develops programs for the students. Please let people you know in the community, that the evening will take place as mentioned above.
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Early Finish Notification
Notification that school will finish at 2.00pm on the last day of Term Two Friday 26 June 2015. Buses will depart SDS one hour earlier.

See you soon!

Julie Hommelhoff
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report

SW-PBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support) LAUNCH
It is getting very exciting here at Bendigo SDS as we eagerly anticipate our PBS Launch, this coming Tuesday 16th June from 12pm to 1.30pm. By now you would have heard from your child’s classroom teacher about how you as parents/carers can join in the fun and celebrate this important event on the Bendigo SDS calendar. I have heard that it’s coffee and cake for some Rooms and a picnic for others. No matter what, it is sure to be a wonderful occasion to celebrate our PBS journey so far.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the 2014 and 2015 PBS teams. Without the preparation and learning which occurred in 2014 and 2015, our implementation and vision for the future would not be possible. This team proves Bendigo SDS as a learning community that continually aims to improve to meet the needs of our students.

Please see Natalie Beale’s article to see how the parent representatives can further support you in learning about PBS.

Crusoe College: Focus on Ability
Over the last eight weeks I had the pleasure of overseeing the Crusoe College students visiting our students, for the purpose of a film project. Although the project was the impetus for the visits, it soon became evident that the visits were more about developing relationships. These friendships were forged over board games, colouring, ball games and more.

The C.C students genuinely enjoyed their time with our students! And why wouldn’t they! The C.C students showed authentic interest in what our students can do. The project was probably best symbolically displayed by the t-shirts which C.C students presented to Bendigo SDS students today. Each t-shirt ‘labelled’ with words and phrases such as: “Likes a challenge.” “Persistence”. “Sense of Humour.” “Fun and Caring.” The words truly matched each student, demonstrating that C.C students truly saw our students for who they are.

I was so pleased to be part of this venture, initiated by Prue Sayer (Performing Arts-Film Teacher C.C), as his project captured a community spirit, between our two schools.

Their visits will be sadly missed.
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Happy Birthday

Student Birthdays

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Student Awards...

To be presented at assembly on Monday 15th June...

Devon W For reading 50 books.
Brittany R For completing to the best of her ability.

Karly H For completing to the best of her ability.
Gavin D For using equipment safely in the classroom.
Riley S For following directions during classroom activities.
Eli I For waiting and listening for his bus each day.

Karly H For helping Taylah from the Multi-Purpose Room to Room 3 each morning.
Taylor D For performing in our choir.
Emily S For performing in our choir.
Louis B For performing in our choir.
Izabella F For performing in our choir.
Brendan K For performing in our choir.
Ryan P For performing in our choir.
Mackenzie S For performing in our choir.
Jeremy S For performing in our choir.
Tom C For performing in our choir.
Karly H For performing in our choir.
Laura M For performing in our choir.
Talia B For performing in our choir.
Billie B For performing in our choir.
Hayden S For performing in our choir.
Brittany R For performing in our choir.
Jesse M For reading 50 books.
Flynn B For reading 50 books.
Mitchell G For cleaning and wiping up his table after eating.
Caiden J For completing 25 nights of reading.
Kyra C For completing 25 nights of reading.
Seth T For completing 25 nights of reading.

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Thought for the week
“Mind is a flexible mirror; adjust it, to see a better world.”
– Amit Ray

Jacqui Righetti
Assistant Principal

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PBS Parent Representatives – SW-BPBS Parent/Carer Information Sessions & Launch details.
Thank you Jacqui for your dedication and informative coverage on SW-PBS and explaining how BDS has been working towards this since 2013.
Your PBS presentation showed how evidence / research base by George Sugai has led us to implementing and launching our very own SDS SW-PBS next Tuesday 16th June 12pm-1:30pm.

Louise, Angela, Leah and I gave some PBS ideas to use at home.

The Power of PRAISE – Positive Reinforcement.
Rewards for Positive Behaviour – this could be iPad time, Computer time, finding that one thing your child would love as a Reward. Or maybe just Praise works as a reward for your child.
Positive Language – Never mind try again, Give it a try, Give it a Go, Not today maybe another day, Quiet please, maybe next time. Using your manners shows respect around others. Thanks for walking and feeding your pet, it shows me you are responsible. It’s great to see you being your best when we are out.

Through our School Newsletter, Fortnightly News & Communication Diaries we have been shown how PBS is being taught at our School. This Term each Room has been shown by Teachers / ESS / Therapist Staff how to ‘ACT SAFELY’ in and around our School. The Behavioural Expectation Matrix shows the areas where ‘ACT SAFELY’ is used. Next Term will be – ‘SHOW RESPECT’.

Some Parent Representatives will be at the launch, feel free to come and chat with us. Monday mornings 9:15am – 10:30am are open for any enquires or just to PBS chat. Your Teacher / ESS / Therapist Staff are also great source of PBS information.

After such a long PBS journey, discovering and finding our very own SW-PBS to implement at our wonderful school, how nice for us all to come together and CELEBRATE on Tuesday 16th June.

Natalie, Louise, Angela & Leah
PBS Parent Representatives
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Drivers: Please SLOW DOWN in our school grounds. As you are aware we have children and wheelchairs within the school grounds at ALL times of the day. Cars should be travelling at WALKING PACE ONLY!

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?
- Download the Bendigo SDS Information App – Tiqbiz – it is free
- Download the Bendigo SDS Finance App – QKR – it is free
- 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 & Friends/New Families-come for a cuppa! Friday mornings fortnightly. See important dates.
- 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.

Head Lice
Head lice continue to cause concern and frustration for children and their parents. We have had a number of reports of head lice in different classrooms, recently. In order to minimise the incidence of head lice infection, it is vital that all members of the school community are diligent in checking their child/ren’s and family member’s hair. Children’s hair should be checked on a weekly basis, using the conditioner and lice comb technique. Detailed information on successful treatment of head lice is available from the office. In line with the School Policy on Head Lice, educated and informed staff of Bendigo SDS will conduct classroom screening on students with consent, on the first day of each term. If you have any concerns regarding head lice, please contact the office.
Alternatively, you may wish to contact Helen Fulford, a specialist in this area.

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**Introducing our new SCHOOL FINANCE APP for School Payments – QKR by MasterCard, pronounced ‘QUICKER’**

**Families can make school payments and canteen orders on the App**
- It will save you time by letting you pay for Essential Education Items/Voluntary Fees directly from your phone
- It will save you time by letting you order and pay for school items directly from your phone
- Reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school

*Please read the ‘Getting Started’ Sheet that went home with your child, or contact the office for another copy. This explains how to download the App to your mobile phone.*

Families can start making school payments immediately and place canteen orders for the first week of Term 1, Friday 17th April. You can save time and order ahead as well.

**All canteen orders must be in by every Wednesday 4.00pm if you are ordering via the App**

*If you already have our School Information App tiqbiz on your phone, you will now see a shopping trolley on the whole school menu – this interfaces with QKR and you can download the QKR App / go directly into QKR from here also.*

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**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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Community News...

- **Kangaroo Flat Soup Kitchen** Wednesday’s 6pm – 7pm @ Kangaroo Flat Rotary Gateway

- **Meditation Classes** Are you stressed or do you have a busy life where your mind races at 100 miles an hour? Do you feel like you are lacking ‘me’ time? Maybe you’re sick of hearing negative thoughts...
  
  **Come and join Holistic Living’s Meditation Classes to sit, rest, feel relaxed and recharged.**
  
  Beginners to advanced welcome. Classes are held every second Wednesday from 7-8pm @ 31 MacKenzie St, Bendigo. $15pp ~ bookings essential. Call Bronte on 0478927896 or email her at brontеспicer@gmail.com. For more information ‘like’ Holistic Living on Facebook and visit holisticlivingbodymindsoul.weebly.com

- Loddon Mallee Preschool Association is the custodian of the Kindergarten Central Enrolment System in Bendigo. The first round of Kindergarten Allocations close on the 15th June. For details please visit: www.Impa.org.au or call the office on: 54431229

- Researchers from the University of Melbourne are conducting a new study to understand what mothers need from services to better support their mental health. The study is titled “Investigating the Needs, Gaps and Barriers to Mental Health Care for Mothers of Children with a Disability”. All mothers who care for a child (0-18 years) with a disability are invited to participate in the survey. The survey takes around 25 minutes and is completely anonymous. To complete the survey go to: https://redcap.mcri.edu.au/surveys/?s=Y4RNPMNXRA

**Donations required for Bendigo SDS raffle**

The Fundraising Team is planning a raffle which will go ahead shortly and are seeking donations for this raffle. We are seeking items such as gift vouchers, appliances, electronics, toys, health and beauty goods, fashion accessories etc. If you, your business, or someone you know have an item or a service that could be donated for the raffle could you please contact Brodie at the school by Wednesday the 20th of May. Thankyou in advance!!

**STUDENT TAX FILE NUMBERS**

Students whom are 16 years of age or older, are eligible/may be required to obtain a Tax File Number.

A Tax File Number is often required by Centrelink when applying for allowances and will be required for employment.

We have Tax File Number application forms available at the office for families and Marg is also willing to offer assistance with these applications.

Please contact the office for further information.
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**SCHOOL INFORMATION 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.

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

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

3. **CANTEEN ORDERS:**
   Canteen lists are also on the Tiqbiz App; then you can send your order through and pay via the QKR icon on the Tiqbiz App.

4. **PARENT PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL:**
   You can let us know if you are coming to an event at School via the Tiqbiz App e.g. International Day of People With a Disability, Christmas Basket Tea etc.

5. **CHANGE OF DETAILS:**
   Have your details changed – your phone numbers, address, emergency contacts? You can now also update these on the Tiqbiz App.

Contact the school office if you have any further enquiries or need assistance getting set up!

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**Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser**

The Fundraising Team at Bendigo SDS is running a fundraiser by selling sausages at Bunnings on Sunday the 21st of June.

We require a number of volunteers to help us out! If you would like to volunteer your time at the BBQ please send back the below form as soon as possible. It should be a great day and a wonderful fundraiser for our school, so we wish to see many parents/carers/families there.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Contact phone number: ______________________________________________

Student contact room number: _________________________________________

Please indicate your preference for time slots by numbering them from 1(most preferred time) to 4 (least preferred time). If you are not available during one or two time slots just leave them blank.

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CONTACT US:
Principal: Julie Hommelhoff
Assistant Principal: Jacqui Righetti
Business Manager: Margaret Butler
Reception: Karen Pratt / Jodie Appleby
Contract Bus Coordinator: Jacqui Righetti
Leading Teachers: Student Voice & Wellbeing Barb Johnstone
Transition & Coaching Rosie Critchley
Information Communication Technology Jenny Annett
Curriculum & Data Collection Angie Bysouth
Specialist Coordinator (Health & PE, Art and Sensory): Chris Novak
Early Year’s Coordinator: Krystal Downing
Middle Year’s Coordinator: Mick Ring
Later Year’s Coordinator: Amanda Bourdon
Before & After School Program information: Angela Whalen Ph: 0407 844 090
School Council President: Brett Scholes
Parent Club: Please contact the office
RDA Coordinator: Julie Hommelhoff
Help Lines:
Nurse-on-call 1300 606 024
Lifeline Phone: 131 114
Parentline: Phone: 132 289
Department of Human Services Phone: 5434 5555
Bendigo Community Health Services Phone: 5430 0500
Interchange respite care Phone: 5441 1599
St Luke’s Phone: 5440 1100
Homestyle Respite Phone: 5441 3537

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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 Ph. (03) 9769 8917
Email: info@findacarer.com.au
Follow us:

CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:

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 26th June. 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.

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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