Happy and Safe Holidays
With the completion of a busy yet successful term, I really hope that students and staff take the time to have a restful and enjoyable holiday period. Maybe you are hitting the slopes to enjoy the snow? I will be spending a little time at school and some time at home – phew! I look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things our students have been involved in over the holidays, when they return to school in two weeks. Take care and stay safe and warm.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to our positive, supportive community who has guided us through some very difficult times this term. The messages via email, text, in person and by phone have reinforced the belief in our programs and the staff and for me personally. I remain very proud of our school and feel blessed to be a part of such a strong, united, vibrant place that strives to better itself at all times. Bendigo SDS has a most dedicated staff, parent / carer community and students that thrive in their learning. I congratulate all of us, ‘our community’, on the determination and dedication to make each and every student succeed.

Farewell to Callum S (Speech Pathologist) & Adam R (ESS Room 7)
Callum has become a Speech Pathologist with confidence and courage when developing his program. Callum has a real knack for establishing extremely positive relationships with those of whom he works. He shares his ideas and knowledge with many, which will certainly aid him in

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his ventures and employment opportunities overseas. Callum’s success will come from within and we wish you well for all the excitement, travel and adventures ahead!
I will keep our community informed as to who will fill the positions of Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist.

Adam has worked at BSDS for ten years. He is the most kind, considerate, professional person you will ever meet. He has assisted most students and staff across the whole school in every unit to be the best they can be with his quiet yet confident approach. Adam will be missed by everyone. We wish you well Adam in your new job and hope to see you around the place from time to time.

Leave Karen E (Teacher Art / Music – Room 5), Lauren N.T (ESS H&PE),
As Karen heads off in to the sunset to enjoy some well-deserved leave, we wish her an enjoyable, relaxing time. Soak up the sun and the serenity of your surrounds, Karen. Travel safely and we will see you in the New Year.
Rose M will be welcomed to this position.

Lauren has been part of the staff for several years now lending her hand and in the health & diligent, committed support to others. We envious of the endure the cold in
Victoria. Here are cheers to you Lauren; we wish you nothing but happiness and success! Hopefully we see you return?
We will welcome Darren G to this position.

Farewell also to three of our students Gavin & Taylor D and Justin A as they take on another journey.

School Council Parent Member - Open
Do you want to know more about the school and how it operates? Well…we have just the position for you. School Council is in need of one parent representative to join the team. If you have an interest in being on School Council and would consider nominating yourself, please contact Marg or myself for the form that will secure a tremendous opportunity for you.
School Council meet monthly on the third Monday throughout the year, from 7.00 – 8.30pm.

School Council Award for Excellence
The School Council has endorsed an annual award which is known as the:
‘Bendigo Special Developmental School
School Council Award for Excellence’

This award is available to all members of the community – staff, parents or community members who have made a significant contribution to our school or students in any of the areas of: Dedication to Students, Generosity of Spirit, and Passionate Endeavour.
This prestigious award will provide a means of acknowledging and thanking those who have made such a significant contribution.
Nominations for this award are being called for now. Please contact the office for the appropriate form.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.
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The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 54473267 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3 — Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: 

Take the time to enjoy the company of your family over the holiday period!

Julie Hommelhoff
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report

Term Two has been a term which has tested the resilience of many of us. It would be fair to say that our staff, in particular, stood proud and strong throughout the ordeal. Tried and tested by media and social media, it is with the unwavering support of our parents and carers that we were able to continue the high level of education for our students.

I commend staff for their collective positive attitude and congratulate Julie on making the difficult decisions to ensure that we were protected as much as possible from the online firestorm we faced together.

I am really looking forward to Term Three, which I am sure will bring a refreshed energy and renewed vigour for our terrific learning organisation.

Expressions of Interest: Signposts for Building Better Behaviour

Signposts for Building Better Behaviour is a program that helps families prevent or manage difficult behaviour of children aged 3-16 who have a developmental delay or an intellectual disability.

I am seeking expressions of interest from parent/carers who would be interested in partaking in this program. Four spaces only are available for this program. It is envisaged that the program will start during week four of Term Three and will finish in the last week of the term. The sessions will run for 2 hours one day per week. (Day will be determined through interest)

Please contact: Jodie, Karen or Marg to express your interest in this positive parenting program.
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“Out and About” Application
I have shared this Application before, but I think that it is timely to remind you again as we embark on our holiday period.
‘Out and About’ is a location based tool featuring venues and events throughout metropolitan Melbourne based on their accessibility features. [www.outandabout.com.au](http://www.outandabout.com.au)

siblings
Last year our Siblings Program was a huge success. We hope to offer this program again in Term Three. If you have an interested sibling- please contact Jacqui within the first two weeks of Term Three. Age range of children and afternoon held, will be determined by interest.

Thought For The Week
To those we are bidding farewell, “Congratulations! Today is your day. You’re off to Great Places! You’re off and away!” – Dr. Seuss, *Oh, The Places You’ll Go!*

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Jacqui Righetti
Assistant Principal
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Well done to Brodie and the Fundraising Team, plus all parents and staff who helped with the BBQ organisation and on the day. The total amount raised was $885.20, banked today! Well done and thank you!

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woollies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

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.

Thank You!

The PE team would like to thank the Creer family for donating a BMX bike with training wheels. I am sure the students will benefit from such a nice bike, to assist with our Bike Education program. The PE team would also like to thank the Hall family for donating some spare Togglz and Eenies which our students can wear in the pool, to assist with our Swimming program. A big thank you also to Ruby G’s family for donating a terrific trike. We are sure it will be the favourite one! The PE team really appreciate as do our students, any donations family and friends of the school to assist with our Physical Education programs.

Thanks again,
Chris Novak
Specialist Coordinator.

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