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IMPORTANT DATES 2015

- Friday 15th May  • Parents and Friends Group, meet in the staffroom at school drop off time
- Monday 18th May  • School Council Meeting 7:00pm
- Wednesday 20th May  • Education week activity - theme: 'Crack the code with Maths'
  Time: 1:40 pm. More information to come.
- Friday 29th May  • Great Start Conferences – Pupil Free Day

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Autumn is really upon us now, with cold nights, some sunny days and the ever increasing cloudy days. Remember to send extra warm clothes to school to cater for the change of weather.

Mansfield Autistic State-Wide Services

Jacqui, two teachers and I will visit Mansfield Autistic Statewide Services on Tuesday of next week. I really encourage staff to interact and communicate with the teachers from Mansfield on a regular basis, to support our students upon their visit to the facility and also when they return to school. We will meet with the staff, interact with our students whilst they fulfil their program and learn from one-another. Strategies shared are a student’s gain!

Principals’ Association of Special Schools (PASS) Conference 20 - 22 May

Jacqui and I will be attending the PASS Conference held in Geelong on the dates above. Please contact our very capable and caring Leading Teachers in Jenny, Barb, Rosie or Angie if you require assistance throughout this time.

Post School Options

Well done to Rosie C and the Later Years Staff on what was a very informative night for parents/carers and students in regard to what is available beyond Bendigo SDS. We truly hope that parents/carers are now at ease with the next step for your young adult. Please feel free to contact Rosie, if you have further questions.
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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.

Professional Development
Some staff members have partaken in their annual CPR training this term, providing reassurance that in an emergency, all systems are ready to be implemented. Others have completed a First Aid certificate encompassing extra topics that builds confidence when managing asthma, epilepsy, bandaging, bites, CPR, defibrillation and more.

Have a terrific fortnight!

Julie Hommelhoff
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Bendigo SDS Positive Behaviour Support
This week students and staff have been learning about how we move safely. Activities which explicitly teach what safe walking looks like and how we follow directions to keep everyone safe have occurred across our PBS school. This week we will be focussing on how we act safely at the bus bay.

I would really like to hear from parents as to how you are using the PBS language at home. Please don’t worry if you are still feeling a little unsure, as soon we have some exciting news! On the 19th May and 26th May we will be offering parent/carers information sessions.

In coming editions of our newsletter our parent representatives on our Whole School PBS team will share some personal stories about how they are using PBS at home.

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Bringing up Great Kids
As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, this workshop is a fantastic opportunity for the parents and carers of our school community! This program was delayed in starting and will now commence this coming Tuesday (5th May) and will run only over four sessions. The sessions offer a relaxed and individualised workshop to parents and carers of children with a disability- a chance to talk together about parenting.

“Bringing Up Great Kids” was designed by Lynne Kennedy and is nationally renowned. We are most fortunate to have Lynne involved in delivering a program here at Bendigo SDS. In support of Lynne will be Prue Robertson, who is our DET social worker. Prue also has extensive experience in facilitating parenting workshops. Some of you may know of Prue who previously worked at Centrecare in Bendigo. Prue believes that, “Bringing Up Great Kids is the best, most worthwhile parenting program,” that she has come across.

This workshop aims to provide parents and carers with effective strategies, as well as opportunities to talk and reflect with other parents, who know from personal experience what is involved in parenting children who have a disability.

If you are still interested there are spaces. Please contact Karen on Monday 4th to let her know. Afternoon tea will also be provided.

Autismwalk

The campaign for the second Autismwalk is well and truly heating up. With only 22 days to go, it is time that Bendigo SDS got serious about creating a team. If you are interested in being involved please contact me. When: 23/24th May. Where: Rotary Gateway Park, Kangaroo Flat. Monies raised go to Turn A Life Around who provide iOS devices to individuals with autism or communication needs.

If you would like to purchase glow in the dark wrist bands and / or badges we have many available at the front office. $3 for wrist bands and $2 for badges. A great way for you to show your support!

Student Awards...
To be presented at assembly on Monday 4th May...

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<td>Persisting with a challenging jigsaw until it was completed.</td>
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**Thought for the Week**

“We may all be different fish, but in this school we swim together”. *Taken from Sue Larkey’s newsletter-Making It a Success with Sue Larkey, May 2015*

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**Jacqui Righetti**

Assistant Principal
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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.

Bendigo Community Farmers Market BBQ

The Fundraising Team at Bendigo SDS is running a fundraiser by selling sausages at the Bendigo Community Farmers Market on the 9th of May from 9.00am-1.00pm.

Thankyou to those that have already volunteered their time! But we still need some more volunteers please. If you would like to volunteer your time at the BBQ please send back the below form by Wednesday the 6th of May. It should be a great day and a wonderful fundraiser for our school, so we wish to see many parents/carers/families there.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 9TH MAY

Name:________________________________________
Contact Phone Number:________________________________________
Student Name & Room Number: ________________________________

Please tick the box that you are able to help

8.00am-10.00am (Set up from 8.00-9.00)  ☐
12.00pm-1.30pm (Pack up 1.00pm-1.30pm)  ☐
10.00am-12.00pm  ☐
I am able to help at ANY of the above times  ☐
I am able to help at ALL of the above times  ☐

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Community News...

- **Kangaroo Flat Soup Kitchen** Wednesday’s 6pm – 7pm @ Kangaroo Flat Rotary Gateway
- **Bendigo Cinemas Sensory Friendly Films: ‘Home’** Sunday 3rd May 10.30am. All tickets $5
- **Make A Wish: World Wish Day Teddy Bears Picnic** Sunday 3rd May 11am -1pm. At the Rotunda in Rosalind Park. Bring your kids, Teddy Bears, Picnic & blanket. Fun Activities. Gold coin donation. For enquiries contact Janine @ j.l.davies@outlook.com.au
- **Ulumbarra theatre, Bendigo** presents ‘drumstruck’ Tuesday 5th May @ 7pm. For info call 5434 6100 or go to GoTix.com.au
- **Crusoe College Information Night** Parents and families from Bendigo SDS are invited to attend Crusoe College 2015 Information Night. This is for any families that have students currently in Grade 6. The night is on Wednesday 7th May @ 7pm. For more information please contact Crusoe College on 5447 7722.

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 this week. 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.*

Please contact the office if you have any questions or need assistance.

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.**

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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.

**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.

**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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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 15\textsuperscript{th} May. 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!