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Ooooo, the cold weather is approaching fast now, with chilly mornings and evenings settling in. I am really enjoying the fire at home! I hope you are keeping warm too.

Education Week 17 – 23 May
This year’s Education Week theme is: Crack the code with maths
On Wednesday 20th May, we will conduct a whole school ‘count us in’ activity on the bike track, starting at 1:40pm. This activity will involve every student getting a number to decorate prior to the day. Students will assemble around the bike track area in a circle. As student numbers are called out, the students will hold up their number and then sit in the middle of the track.
If the weather does not permit students will assemble in the Agora area, under the shelter, where students will hold up their number and step forward.
I hope you can join us!

RDA – Riding Develops Abilities
We have 23 participants in RDA this year, in either the riding or carriage program. Please feel free to come out to the Mandurang Pony Club and watch your child take part in this great activity. Simply give me a call to find out when and what time the session is on for your child. I love watching the joy on the students’ faces as they mount their horse and take part in their thirty minute session. Staff also do a great job in getting students to and from RDA extremely efficiently!
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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.

Principals’ Association of Special Schools (PASS) Conference 20 - 22 May
Jacqui and I will be attending the PASS Conference held in Geelong, Melbourne 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.

See you soon!

Julie Hommelhoff
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Bendigo SDS Positive Behaviour Support
This week students have continued to learn about acting safely. Specifically, classes have been learning about privacy to others in toilet areas. Next week teachers will focus on how to act safely in outdoor areas. Teaching will focus on how to take turns and use equipment safely.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the more you can discuss these skills at home too, the better. Following is a contribution from Natalie, who is a parent representative who has been involved with our PBS team from the beginning.

Autismwalk
The campaign for the second Autismwalk is getting closer. With only 8 days to go, our Bendigo SDS team is taking shape. We see that this walk offers an excellent opportunity to show the Bendigo community how great our school is! 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.
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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!

PBS Parent Representatives in the Spotlight

Angela, Leah, Louise, Natalie and Rachelle.

SDS PBS Parent Support Group has been formed and we are here for you. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent/Carers information sessions on Tuesday 19th May 9:30am – 10:30am and Tuesday 26th May 6:30pm – 7:30pm. These sessions should give you valuable information and a better understanding on how PBS is working for us as a Whole School Community. Providing the best educational outcome with a Positive approach for your child.

I have noticed Our School Behaviour Expectations visually displayed around our school. ACT SAFELY SHOW RESPECT BE YOUR BEST which is great for all the students to see.

This term is about ACT SAFELY.

At home we have been working on picking up after ourselves. If things are left lying around, someone could trip or fall and hurt themselves. It also shows respect for the way we want to live in our home. This has promoted independence, packing up after oneself and less work for me!!

I have placed our School Matrix on the fridge at home as it is a good reminder of our Whole School Behaviour Expectations. It also promotes a conversation with my child about Acting Safely at School.

We would love to hear how PBS is working for you and your family at home. We can share ideas and in return our children could gain new skills. Supporting our children to become the Best they can be as a Whole School Community.

You can either Email: bendigo.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au OR Phone 5447 3267
In the future I will be available at school on Mondays 9:00am – 10:30am if you wish to discuss anything about SW-PBS at SDS. Or via contact details above.

Natalie Beale
PBS Parent Representative

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Mindful Listening
The Bring Up Great Kids program is now in its second week and this week the groups talked about Mindful Listening. Mindful listening is when you listen to others with the sole purpose of helping the other person feel heard and accepted. Often when we are in groups and someone is talking, we are just waiting for them to finish as we can offer our opinion or tell them how to fix it. By bringing awareness to the way that we listen, we are able to stay open to what the other person is saying and recognise our own judgments and thoughts as they arise. (Lynne Kennedy, Parenting Education and Support Program Australian Childhood Foundation)

Lynne and Prue used the Chinese symbol for listening to show that listening is made up of 6 different parts. We listen with

- our eyes
- our ears
- an open heart
- undivided attention
- without judgement
- and if listening to a king

Thank you Prue and Lynne for sharing this information.

Happy Birthday

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**Student Awards**

To be presented at assembly on Monday 18th May...

- **Ruby G**
  - For communication well during morning circle

- **Taylah M**
  - For walking safely with the group around the school

- **Mitchell G**
  - For reading 50 books

- **Paige T**
  - For reading 50 books

- **Zeathen L**
  - For independently doing song actions

- **Jesse H**
  - For great work in art

- **Keeley H**
  - For lots of success in personal hygiene

- **Ben M**
  - For participating in assembly and all school activities with a big smile 😊

- **Phoebe H-C**
  - For acting safely by using her cards to tell staff how she feels

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**Buses**

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**Thought for the Week**

“Leave people to their opinions and judgments. They cannot harm you; it is their understanding that is faulty, not yours.”

Leon Brown

**Jacqui Righetti**

Assistant Principal

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**Thanks to the Variety Club of Victoria** we have been successful in receiving funding for $8,406- to purchase a Rifton Tram.

The Rifton TRAM is a transfer and mobility device designed for the safety, convenience and dignity of child and caregiver. It is unlike any equipment we currently have at Bendigo Special Developmental School. It performs three moving and handling techniques in one piece of equipment: seated transfers, raises a child for standing (sit to stand with the child weight bearing), and supported ambulation. The TRAM will be used regularly throughout the school day to transfer and complete exercises with students within the class environment in a quick, easy, safe and practical way.
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On Friday 29th May *Pupil Free Day*
If you are looking for something a bit different that’s exciting and fun why not try out JUMPZ.
Mark O’Hehir Manager of JUMPZ Trampoline Park
293-303 High Street, Kangaroo Flat – Opposite Centro Plaza next to PetBarn.
SPECIAL DEAL for our students at SDS.
$15 entry $2 for JUMPZ sock – to be worn in the trampoline park
Any time between 10:00am – 3:00pm
So come along, give it a go and stay as long as you want to. And HAVE FUN!!
Food and drinks available for purchase/only water is permitted to be brought in.

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

Kangaroo Flat Market
Saturday 30th May 8am-2pm. For info. Phone Max 5443 1809

Bendigo Cinemas Sensory Friendly Films: ‘Cinderella’ Sunday 31st May. All tickets $5

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 brontespicer@gmail.com. For more information 'like' Holistic Living on Facebook and visit holisticlivingbodymindsoul.weebly.com

Parents Victoria.
Parents are invited to participate in Part 2 of Parents Victoria’s online conference. The conference is being held during Education Week on 18-21 May. You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part. To register for the event, visit: Register for Parents Victoria Online Conference May 2015

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Community News...

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- Parents Victoria.
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### 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!!

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### Thank You!

A big thank you to Damien & Ryan O for their generous donation of $500.00 to our school. It is greatly appreciated by the students, staff and whole school community. The donation will be put towards the purchase of library books.

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**Preferred Payment Method**

Qkr! by MasterCard

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### Introducing our new SCHOOL PHONE APP

**or School Payments – QKR by MasterCard**

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
- If paying by Qkr you will not need to worry about identifying the payment or add the ID.
- Reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school

*Please read the ‘Getting Started’ Sheet attached to the newsletter. This explains how to download the App to your mobile phone.*

Families can start making school payments immediately and place canteen orders for Week 6 beginning Monday 18th May. 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.

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

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*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.

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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.

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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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Bendigo Community Farmers Market BBQ

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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 29th 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!