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**TERM DATES**

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**IMPORTANT DATES 2015**

- **Friday 29th May**  
  - Professional Development Day (for Staff) – Pupil Free Day

- **Monday 8th June**  
  - Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

- **Friday 12th June**  
  - Parents and Friends Group, meet in the staffroom at school drop off time

- **Tuesday 16th June**  
  - Prep Information Evening 7pm

- **Tuesday 16th June**  
  - SW-PBS Launch 12:00 – 1:30

- **Sunday 21st June**  
  - Bunnings BBQ

- **Monday 22nd June**  
  - School Council Meeting 7:00pm

- **Wednesday 24th June**  
  - Student Achievement Conferences

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Professional Development Day (for Staff) tomorrow, 29th May**

No students required at school on this day.

**Individual Education Plans and Mid – Year 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 know I will really enjoy 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 weeks.

**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.

**June 24 – Student Achievement Conferences (SAC)**

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

Student Medication
At the end of each term, staff check all student emergency medication supplies to ensure that medication is current and adequate. If your child requires medication as part of their Medical Action Plan (eg: epilepsy, asthma, anaphylaxis), you should be notified if their medication is in need of updatung or restocking. It is important that it be provided your child receives the emergency. Student safety you for your prompt attention to renewing any new supply of medication is required, it is to the school by the start of next term to ensure necessary attention in the case of a medical and wellbeing is of the utmost importance. Thank required medications for your child.

Emergency Contact Connection
There have been quite a few times over the past two weeks that staff have attempted to contact families in regards to illness, management, head lice or a medical emergency situation and have not received an answer. We do our very best to notify families of incidences or situations requiring your support and find it extremely concerning that we cannot locate you during these times of utmost importance. I am asking families to keep your mobile phone close to you and check it regularly, particularly if your child has a condition that requires us to contact you at any time. Together we can provide the best care for your child!

If you have changed address or contact details then please provide the office with your details as soon as possible

Enjoy the next fortnight!

Julie Hommelhoff
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report

Bendigo SDS Positive Behaviour Support
Students continue to learn about how we act safely across our school environments. I would encourage you to talk with your children and your child’s teacher about the explicit act safely skills that they are addressing.
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**PBS Launch**

To celebrate the implementation phase of PBS we will be launching this initiative on 16th June, 2015. Our idea is to invite all families to come and share lunch with their child’s class between the times of 12.00pm and 1.30pm. Your child’s teacher will communicate with you what this will look like for their class. It may be a picnic outside, or bring an ingredient to contribute to a dish you will all share. During this time your child’s teacher will explain how PBS works in their classroom.

Also on this day our parent representatives, Natalie, Louise, Angela and Leah will be available to parents, should you have any questions.

Natalie will also be available at school this Monday, 1st June after assembly for an hour or so to meet and have a chat with. Natalie has a deep understanding of PBS and how this can translate into the home.

**PBS Information Sessions**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the family members who attended our PBS information sessions. We hope that the information provided can support you in further embracing PBS at home.

I would like to sincerely thank our PBS parent representatives who have supported these sessions too, in particular Natalie and Angela who spoke from a parents perspective at each session.

We plan to offer more sessions at the beginning of Term Three.

**Mindful Listening**

Recently I downloaded an Application to my phone, and I am finding that it is really helping me to find opportunities to be mindful. The Application is called “Smilingmind” and can be found here for iOS: https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/smiling-mind/id560442518?mt=8

It’s free.

**Thought for the Week**

“find your calm, at home mind”. *Smilingmind.*

**Autismwalk**

Thank you to the marvellous efforts of the Bendigo SDS community who came out in force to support the Autismwalk last weekend. Parents, students and staff were represented across the weekend, including the wee hours of the morning. I know that the core walking team were most grateful for our commitment to this event.

Winning the team challenge is also a highlight!

Well done team. I will have further information about how much was raised in coming editions of our newsletter.
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Jacqui Righetti
Assistant Principal

To be presented at assembly on Monday 1st June…

- Liam C  For great entry into the pool and terrific swimming
- Taya L  For following a visual schedule at meal times
- Brittany R  For independent floor – standing transfer
- Ben M  For riding his trike independently around the school bike track

Buses

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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!

A big thank you to the Bendigo UFS Pharmacy for their recent donation of $660.00 to our school. It was greatly appreciated by the students, staff and whole school community. This money will go towards the extension of our Sensory Garden Stage 2.

A big thank you to all the parents and staff whom assisted with the Bendigo Community Farmers Market BBQ school fundraiser on Saturday 9th May. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. The BBQ made a profit of $248.13. Well done everyone!!

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.

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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.*

**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
- **Kangaroo Flat Market** Saturday 30th May 8am-2pm. For info. Phone Max 5443 1809
- **Bendigo Cinemas Sensory Friendly Films**: ‘Cinderella’ Sunday 31st May @ 11am. 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](http://holisticlivingbodymindsoul.weebly.com).

- **The 3rd International Health / Educators / Learners / Parents Conference** is on 10th-12th June at Pullman Melbourne on the Park. If you are planning to attend registrations close on Tuesday 3rd June. For further information about the H.E.L.P Conference, please visit the website at [www.helpconference.com.au](http://www.helpconference.com.au). Or contact GEMS Event Management on 9744 5252 or email [registration@gemspl.com.au](mailto:registration@gemspl.com.au).

- 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](http://www.Impa.org.au) or call the office on: 54431229

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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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**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.

**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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**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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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 12th 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!

‘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

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.
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Photos appeared in today's (28th May)

Bendigo Advertiser

The link to the website below for you to view all the photos that were taken.

A great day was had by all.

Enjoy the photos!