



Bendigo Special Developmental School

"A place of excellence in education that creates inclusive communities and success for all"

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TERM DATES 2022

Term 2, 2022 Tuesday 26 th April – Friday 24 th June	Term 3, 2022 Monday 11 th July – Friday 16 th September
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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday	09 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent to Parent Group 09.30 am at the Kangaroo Flat Library
Monday	13 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queen's Birthday – NO SCHOOL
Friday	17 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debutante Ball
Friday	24 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Term 2 – 2.00 PM finish

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- Driving learning growth
- Valuing diversity with kindness and respect
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK BE BRAVE. MAKE CHANGE

This week (27 May to 3 June 2022) we have been celebrating National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The date for this week is specifically chosen to commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey-the successful [1967 referendum](#), and the [High Court Mabo decision](#) respectively.

27 May 1967 On this day, Australia's most successful **referendum** saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the Census.

3 June 1992 On this day, the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, the culmination of Eddie Koiki Mabo's challenge to the legal fiction of 'terra nullius' (land belonging to no one) and leading to the legal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of lands. This decision paved the way for Native Title.

In 2022, the theme for NRW is "Be Brave. Make Change." It is a challenge to all Australians to 'be brave' to tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation that will 'make change' for the benefit of all Australians.

At Bendigo SDS, we have also recognised National Sorry Day on 26th May 2022. During humanities classes over the past two weeks, students have explored what Sorry Day represents for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and have begun to understand the impact of the past for families of the Stolen Generations. We have learnt how acknowledging these impacts is an important part of healing, just like when you hurt somebody, even by accident, that saying sorry helps to rebuild a relationship.

Students have created some amazing artworks on paper handprints and then have created a public display on a decorated tree which symbolises walking hand in hand to show respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land and culture. The display has a sign that reads "We show respect. We share the land. We walk together, Hand in Hand." It has been a great learning experience for all of our students to extend on one of our school School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) mantra's in 'Showing Respect' in the context of culture and community.

ILLNESS and CHANGE

Firstly, I have to thank everyone within our school community for their patience, understanding and flexibility in working with the challenging times we currently find ourselves in, which are, I think fair to say, probably the most difficult of the entire pandemic with regard to the impact of illness on our students and their learning. Having just returned today after having COVID myself, I am acutely aware of how staff being away, either through isolation or because of other illnesses that are increasing in transmission such as influenza (the flu) and gastro, has been having a direct bearing on the number of staff available to support individual learning programs.





The challenge that this has posed for our students has been, at times, a change to their usual staff and program. The opportunities that this has afforded has been students increasing their capacity to accept and manage change, an inevitable part of life, whilst in a continuously supportive environment. It has also been an opportunity for students to work with different staff and for students to work alongside different peers. If at any stage you have concerns about how your child in managing these changes, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Unfortunately, it would seem that these circumstances are not going to change before the end of the term, so we would rather be proactive about supporting any concerns you may have rather than just waiting for this time to pass.

STAYING HOME FROM SCHOOL

On that note, can I please implore parents to ensure that students do not come to school with illness symptoms. These include, runny noses, coughs, feeling hot, or feeling cold, or showing signs that are not in character with a student's 'normal' base line behaviour. If a child presents in this way, we will be sending them home, even if a COVID test has been undertaken that morning and it is negative. Flus and colds still pose a health risk to other students.

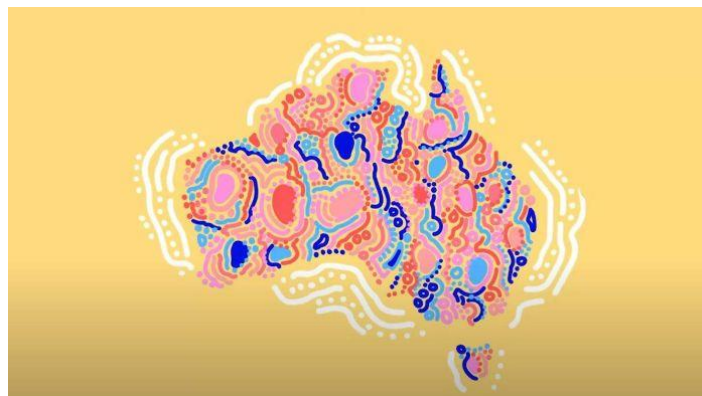
Additionally, a child is to be excluded for 24 hours from their last loose bowel motion (diarrhoea) and/or vomit.

This means that if a child has either one of these instances at school and is sent home, they cannot return to school the next day. We all understand that there are many pressures on working and care giving parents and carers and how disruptive non-school attendance can be for our students. Whilst we appreciate the inconvenience and potential negative impact on students needing to stay home or be collected because they are unwell, and we absolutely prioritise the care and safety of our students, we are, after all, a school, and not a care giving or respite facility.

DEBUTANTE BALL

Preparations are continuing to progress as we head towards what will be an incredible night for our students and families, our "Dancing Under the Stars" Debutante Ball. All of the 17 couples (18 students) have been doing a wonderful job learning their dances, and I know that there have been many shopping trips to organise dresses, suits, shoes, ties, and accessories to ensure that our couples look the part. This will take place on Friday 17th June at the All-Seasons Hotel Complex. Tickets are on sale, and if you have any questions about being able to attend, please contact our office and they will be able to support you.

Kirshy McAinch
Principal





BUSES



BUS	DRIVER / CHAPERONE	TELEPHONE
Heathcote	Gary & Jodie	0435 900 890
Huntly	Helen, Nicole & Chloe	0428 261 802
Fryerstown/Castlemaine	David & Debbie	0409 421 500
Kyneton	Steve & Joanne	0428 236 271
Lockwood	David & Kim	0428 271 824
Strathfieldsaye	Steve & Joy	0427 287 843
Serpentine	Peter & Janine	0497 663 736
Spring Gully	Chris & Heather	0428 159 660
Wedderburn	Cathy & Michelle	0466 367 656



BIRTHDAYS



05 June	Jacob	Room 11/12	09 June	Trevor	ESS
16 June	Brianna	Room 4	22 June	Gabe	Room 2





PARENT TO PARENT GROUP

PARENT TO PARENT GROUP on Thursday 9th June 9:00-10:30

Do you have an idea or a problem, that you would like to brainstorm with other understanding parents?

This week, in a casual setting over a cuppa, bring an idea you would like to throw out to the wind.... Meg has one to get us started....

If you don't have an idea to throw into the pool, come and share your insight to support someone else's idea.....

Or just come along and have some time out with other parents in the comfy setting of the new **K.F. library** across the road from our school.

All carers, parents, siblings are welcome!

Enter down the right side of the building, past the bins, (as the library doesn't officially open till 10:00).

Would love to see you there, all parents/carers welcome.

Meg and Drew





SWPBS NEWS

School-wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)



Act Safely



Show Respect



Be Your Best

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our last newsletter, you would have heard from Dehne (Assistant Principal) about an upcoming **WHOLE SCHOOL REWARD** that was a secret at the time.

It has now been revealed!

We will all be going to the cinemas on the **22ND OF JUNE @ 10:30AM** to watch the movie, **'LIGHTYEAR'**.

Please let your child's teacher or the administration staff at school know if you would like to come along for the experience as we are excited to involve as much of the school community as possible.

Student tickets are paid for by the school, whilst parent/guardian tickets are \$10 (or free if you have a companion card).



On another note, related to our school's **Discover Gold** acknowledgement system, we would like to congratulate **PLC 5 (Rooms 19, 20, 21, and 23)** who have won **PLC of the month for May**.

As a result of this, they will be receiving hot chips and having a group celebration for their demonstration of positive behaviours in the school.

Well done PLC 5!

Hamish Morcom
Occupational therapist and SWPBS Coordinator





NATIONAL SORRY DAY ACTIVITIES

National Sorry Day - 26th of May

In Humanities over the past two weeks, students have explored what Sorry Day represents for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and understand the impact of the past for families of the Stolen Generation and the important place acknowledgement has in healing.

Students have created some amazing artworks on their paper handprints and then walked respectfully to a designated area of the school and place their hands at the base of a decorated tree and on display at parent pick up.





CSEF APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON

Dear parents and carers.

We have noticed a number of families are eligible for CSEF, "Camps, Sports and Excursions Funds". An application is often filled out when students first enrol in school. But sometimes they are missed in the mass of paperwork or circumstances can change.

To be eligible, parents need a Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care card (note: the card must be in the parent's name, not the child's name).

This can save families quite a bit of money and support kids to access excursions.

If you hold one of these concession cards, please come and see us in the office asap to fill out a simple form or complete the form which is included in this week's newsletter. The application form and additional information will be made available on our Bendigo SDS website (<https://www.bendigodsds.vic.edu.au/>) as well.

Applications need be in before Friday 17 June 2022.

Meg Holmes
Family Support Worker
Bendigo Special Developmental School
Days of Work: Mon, Wed, Thurs





CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide the results of any enquiry to DET regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DHHS or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHHS and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DHHS and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____





READY-SET-TRANSITION INFO SESSION



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Graduating high school is a big step – especially for students with disability.

The uncertainty of what comes next can be overwhelming.
Don't know where to start?

We can help.

READY-SET-TRANSITION

Come along. Find out what your future can hold.

WHAT?

Using a structured and fun networking format, providers will spend 8-10 minutes with each Attendee to talk about what opportunities they can offer to help support students transition to life after school.

WHO?

Parents and carers of Years 11 and 12 students attending special schools or enrolled in a special education program, or similar, are encouraged to attend. Attendance is **free**.

WHY?

In two hours, parents and teachers will be able to chat face-to-face with providers, ask questions and go home with a pocketful of new provider contacts from your local area. Armed with these new and varied opportunities, students will be better equipped to choose a path towards a life of purpose and fulfilment.

WHEN?

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Thursday, 16 June 2022

WHERE?

Bendigo Harness Racing Club
646 McIvor Hwy, Junortoun VIC

For more info email: info@onecommunity.net.au

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PEOPLE OUTDOORS – COME & TRY DAY – 25TH JUNE



FAMILY DAY 'COME & TRY'

Saturday 25th June 2022

9am - 2pm

CAMPS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY

Adventure for All!

Where:

Log Cabin Camp
270 Ascot-Creswick Rd,
Creswick VIC 3363

How:

Bookings essential. \$50 per family.
Activities, equipment & lunch included.

Contact Simon via
simon@auscamps.asn.au
or 0455 514 879 for details.



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COME & TRY ALL ABILITIES GOLF

Come & Try All-Abilities Golf



NEANGAR PARK
GOLF CLUB | BENDIGO

Neangar Park Golf Club would like to invite people with a disability to come along and try golf!

- Learn new skills and have fun.
- Sessions are provided by All-Abilities trained instructors.
- No experience or equipment needed.

Dates:



Wednesday 15 June 2022

Wednesday 22 June 2022

Wednesday 29 June 2022 (school holidays)



Time:

10.00am - 11.00am



Venue:

Neangar Park Golf Club
Averys Rd. North Bendigo



Cost:

\$10 per session



Bookings are essential. Limited places available.

For more information and to register please contact Jasmine Noske from Sports Focus on 5442 3101 or email jasminen@sportsfocus.com.au



Is this activity right for me?

Uneven ground covering with rocks and grassed areas

Parents/carers/ guardians are encouraged to join in

Toilets are accessible

All-Abilities trained facilitators

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BENDIGO CINEMA

Sensory Friendly Films

Bendigo Cinemas are proud to bring Sensory Friendly Films to those on the autism spectrum.

Sensory Friendly Films allow families to enjoy their favourite films in a safe and accepting environment with the cinema lights turned up and the sound turned down low.

Look for the "Sensory Friendly Film (\$5 SFF)" icon next to the session times to see which cinemas and sessions are screening these films.

ALL TICKETS \$5!



THE BAD GUYS

SUNDAY

12TH JUNE

AM SESSION

Duration: 100 Min.

CINDERELLA and the LITTLE SORCERER

SUNDAY

26th JUNE

AM SESSION

Duration: 91 Min.



PINOCCHIO:

A TRUE STORY

SUNDAY

10TH JULY

AM SESSION

Duration: 94 Min.

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WHAT'S ON IN OUR THEATRES?



ROALD DAHL'S CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

7-10 JULY 2022

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BASED ON THE NOVEL BY ROALD DAHL

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WHAT'S ON IN OUR THEATRES?

Nexus Bendigo Youth Theatre
presents

 **SHREK**
The
MUSICAL


July 21st - 30th, 2022
Capital Theatre, Bendigo

TICKETS:

Adult	\$45
Child/Concession	\$40

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