



Bendigo Special Developmental School

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

Newsletter # 15 – Friday 14 October 2022

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TERM DATES 2022

Term 4, 2022 Monday 03rd October - Tuesday 20th December	Term 1, 2023 All students start on Monday 30 January 2023
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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday	17th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council Meeting at 7.00 pm
Thursday	20th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent-to-Parent Meeting at 09.00 am Location: Kangaroo Flat Library across the road
Wednesday	26th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bendigo Cup Day NO SCHOOL



Our



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Bendigo Special Developmental School community respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pays its respects to the ongoing living cultures of Aboriginal peoples.



RESPECTFUL
RELATIONSHIPS

LEAD
SCHOOL



SWPBS
Act Safely
Show Respect
Be your Best

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



FLOODING SITUATION

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding yesterday as we experienced a significant weather event that had an impact on our normal school programming and transport arrangements. At this stage, we believe that the bus runs will re-commence again on Monday, however, we will keep you informed over the weekend should that situation change. Thankfully, we have not sustained any flood damage to the school buildings, however, we know that there is much more rain to come, and we will continue to keep you updated should there need to be further change to our normal programming. In the interim, can I please urge you to heed flood warnings, never drive through flood waters and stay safe, warm and dry.

GRADUATION – THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER

We have a small, but no less accomplished and deserving number of students graduating this year, and to celebrate, we will be having a Graduation Luncheon on Thursday 8th December in The Conservatory at the All Seasons. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our graduating students and their families, and our senior students to come together to take a look back at the achievements of our graduates, and then cast their eyes forward to share in the excitement of the paths ahead for our young adults. Ticket pricing for the families of graduates is currently being finalised, but we would encourage you to contact the office and nominate how many tickets you would like to secure.



END OF PANDEMIC ORDERS

You may be aware that the Victorian Government has announced changes to the COVID-19 isolation requirements. This means that from 11.59pm on Wednesday 12 October, the mandatory orders around isolation for people with COVID-19 has ended and instead we move to health advice and recommendations for people with COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Our school will continue to adhere to the Department of Health's recommendations to ensure that our school remains a safe environment for our staff and students.

The Department of Health **strongly recommends** that students and school staff:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days and do not attend school after 5 days if they are still symptomatic.
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive not attend school. This does not include students with pre-existing conditions such as hay fever.

Parents and carers are recommended to continue to report their child having COVID-19 to both the school and the Department of Health. We will, however, no longer report occurrences of positive cases to the school community. We ask parents and carers to continue to remain vigilant in preventing COVID-19 transmission. Any student who is unwell should continue to remain at home. This is about keeping students healthy and well in our school and reducing the spread of both COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases. Free rapid antigen tests are available at the school for those who need them, and we will continue to contact parents and carers if their child shows symptoms while at school in order for them to be collected. To keep our school as safe as possible, we will also continue to use air purifiers and other COVID-19 prevention measures. Thanks for your continued efforts to keep our school community safe and well, and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions with regard to this.





IMPORTANT DATES

Term Four is always a very busy time, however, I would like to remind you all of some incredibly important dates on our calendar. A reminder that the Bendigo Cup Day on Wednesday 28th October is allocated as the public holiday instead of the Melbourne Cup Day within the Bendigo area. This can be confusing as many of our students and their families live outside of the immediate Bendigo area. Melbourne Cup Day will be a normal school day for us. The Common Professional Practice Day for the teaching staff will be held on Thursday 24th November as the Department of Education and Training has provided schools with the option to hold each teacher's allocated professional practice day on the same day for all staff in order to assist with casual relief teaching shortages. This will be a student free day. Other important dates are our Student Support Group (SSG) or Student Achievement Day (SAC) conferences to take place on Friday 9th December and the last day for students will be Monday 19th December, with Tuesday 20th December being a Pupil Free Day to allow for the pack up and moving of classrooms in preparation for 2023.

VALE PIPER PAIN

We are so saddened to share with you that one of our former students, Piper Pain, who moved back to Mildura Specialist School at the start of the year, passed away on 22 September 2022. Piper was a much-loved member of the room 8/9 classroom in her time at Bendigo SDS, who had the biggest smile and the most infectious of giggles, and was one of those people who just lit up a room as soon as she came in to it. As a school community, we send our deepest sympathies and love to her parents Summer and Michael, her siblings Willow and Finn, and her extended family and friends. A number of staff were able to travel to Mildura for Piper's funeral and we were privileged to share in a celebration of her life, love and legacy, and with the permission of her family, we would like to share the priceless keepsake card that was given to attendees on the day.

Vale Piper: you will never be forgotten.

Kirshy McAinch
Principal



IN LOVING
memory



Piper Sydney Pain
JANUARY 27, 2011 - SEPTEMBER 22, 2022



SOMETIMES IN SEPTEMBER
WHEN THE SUN IS SITTING HIGH
A WARM SPRING BREEZE WILL STEAL THE LEAVES
AND CAUSE THE TREES TO CRY

SOMETIMES IN SEPTEMBER
A BUTTERFLY WILL APPEAR
A CHERISHED THOUGHT, A BATTLE FOUGHT
FOR ONE YOU LOVED SO DEAR

SOMETIMES IN SEPTEMBER
A DAUGHTER WILL PASS AWAY
YOU WALLOW IN GRIEF, SEEK RELIEF
AND THEN YOU LEARN TO PRAY

SOMETIMES IN SEPTEMBER
AN ANGEL GETS ITS WINGS
IT'S GOOD AND BAD BUT ALWAYS SAD
BOTH JOY AND PAIN THIS BRINGS

SOMETIMES IN SEPTEMBER
A FAMILY MUST SAY GOODBYE
AS HEAVEN AWAITS TO OPEN ITS GATES
TO SEPTEMBER'S BUTTERFLY



McGLYNN HUNT
ILLUSTRATIONS





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

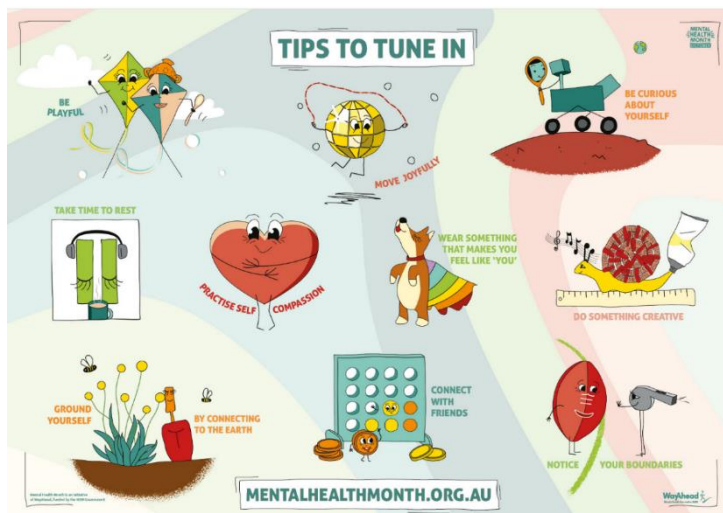


14 October	Jodie	Office Manager	14 October	Xiao	Speech Therapist
14 October	Jayne	ESS			
15 October	Emily	ESS	16 October	Kylie A	ESS
16 October	Narda	ESS	17 October	Angela	ESS
18 October	Liam	Room 14	19 October	Tate	Room 17/18
20 October	Ashraf	Room 23	21 October	Jack	Room 5
22 October	Jeanette	ESS	26 October	Daniel	Room 23
26 October	Karen	CRT	27 October	Davina	Room 1





WELLBEING SUPPORT TEAM



Hello to all parents, carers & families

Welcome to term 4!

It's hard to believe how quick this year is going but we are looking forward to what will be a busy (and hopefully warmer 😊) term ahead.

October is Mental Health Awareness month which is a fantastic opportunity to reflect on our own experiences of mental health, put in practices that are going to benefit our experiences of health and wellbeing, as well as encourage help-seeking behaviours when needed.

This year's theme for Mental Health Month is 'Tune In', which means being aware of what is happening within you, and in the world around you. Being present by tuning in has been shown to help build self-awareness, help to make effective choices, reduce the impact of worry and anxiety, and build positive connections.

To support building our self-care practices and to boost participation within Mental Health Month, a calendar has been created that sets a task for your own wellbeing each day. This can be used as a guide to enhance your own sense of wellbeing over the course of the month, whilst building your toolkit to support your mental health.

Thanks, from the Wellbeing Team!

Drew Barrett (Mental Health Practitioner) & Meg Holmes (Family Support)





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PARENT-TO-PARENT MEETING

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR PARENT-TO-PARENT MEETING

Date: Thursday 20TH October

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Kangaroo Flat Library

Come along and have some time out with other parents in the comfy setting of the new **Kangaroo Flat 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



THANK YOU, DOMINO'S PIZZA KANGAROO FLAT


*Thank You For
Your Donation
& Helping Make A Difference*

On behalf of all our students, staff, and the whole school community, we would like to thank **DOMINO'S PIZZA KANGAROO FLAT** for their support shown to our school in 2022.

Thank you very much for their generous donation of \$413.00 to our school.

Your donation will go towards the purchase of very specialised resources for our students.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TRANSITIONING STUDENTS

Dear students, parents, and carers,

Scope Day and Lifestyle options in Bendigo is hosting a series of tours this October.

It is a great opportunity for students and their parents to come and chat with staff and find out about what we offer and how we can support them in the transition from school.

We run innovative and versatile group programs that operate in the community and from our centres with our day and lifestyle programs and our after-hour groups.

Our team of experienced staff are well placed to support your child's interests and goals.

There are three dates available to visit in October:

- Wednesday, 12 October from 4pm to 6.30pm
- Wednesday, 19 October from 4pm to 6.30pm
- Thursday, 27 October from 4pm to 6.30pm

If you would like to attend one of the sessions, please register online by scanning the QR code below.



Scope Day and Lifestyle Tours

Come and visit Scope's Day and Lifestyle services to find out more about our activities and events. Our community-based activities provide a flexible, accessible and exciting program of social activities in your local area.



Meet new people, build your independence and have fun!

We are open from 4pm to 6.30pm on:

Wednesday, 12 October

Wednesday, 19 October

Thursday, 27 October

Tour takes approximately 30 minutes from arrival.

Book online:



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Transition and Work Education Interview Week

Bendigo TAFE is holding their Interview Week for those interested in enrolling in one or more of our courses.

Finished school and looking to further your education in 2023?

Continue your education in a safe, supportive environment by enrolling in one of our Work Education courses.

The Transition and Work Education courses at Bendigo TAFE are designed to support learners with permanent cognitive / intellectual disabilities to develop their skills to find the most appropriate option for them in the community **after** leaving school.

WHERE

Bendigo City Campus - J Building

WHEN

October 24th to 28th, 2022

PREREQUISITES

Applicants must be of a School Leaving Age or older and have a permanent cognitive impairment/intellectual disability.

**Call or email now to secure your individual interview time,
or to simply get more information**

ph: 5434 1777

e: mmcdonald@bendigotafe.edu.au.



2022 TWED Film Festival
Workshop



Certificate I in Transition Education (222567VIC)
Certificate I in Work Education (22566VIC)
Course in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy (22554VIC)
Certificate in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy (22555VIC)
Certificate II in Work Education (22481VIC)



PROUDLY TAFE. RTO No. 3077. Some or all of this training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding.

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DOUGH-LICIOUS FUNDRAISING



Thank you so much for supporting our school, especially through fundraising.

This term, we are running a **Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough** fundraiser to raise money for communication switches across the school.

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is an exciting fundraiser, made by an Australian, family owned and operated business. There are ten (10) dough-licious flavours to choose from, including the most popular **Choc Chunk** and **Caramel White Choc**.

You can also create your own cookie magic with a **NEW** Golden Classic flavour – the base of the Billy G's secret family recipe. Add Hundreds & Thousands, macadamia and white chocolate, anything you like: the sky is the limit on what you can create! There is even something for your special furry friends, with a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough! Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is exclusive to fundraising – so stock up!

Get started! Cookie dough orders must be placed online using the online platform. Create your child's profile by visiting australianfundraising.com.au, and follow the instructions in the order form. Orders are open from 3/10/2022 until 27/10/2022, so make sure you get rolling and create your online fundraising page today!

How do prizes work? Every student who sells a tub will receive an incentive prize for their efforts! But why not aim higher? The more tubs you sell the more prizes you will receive! There are 12 prizes up for grabs, so why not set your own fundraising goal and aim for them all? Prizes are automatically ordered at the end of our fundraiser based on the number of tubs you have sold.

Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so make sure you ask them for support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time!

Win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree! Our highest tub seller will go into a draw to win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree. Plus, every student that achieves all online virtual badges will win a Billy G's "You're One Awesome Cookie" Bag Tag.

Want to aim even higher? Australia's highest tub seller will scoot away with a Razor Prize Pack valued at \$3,000. How exciting!

Happy fundraising,
BSDS Events and Fundraising Team





SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS WANTED



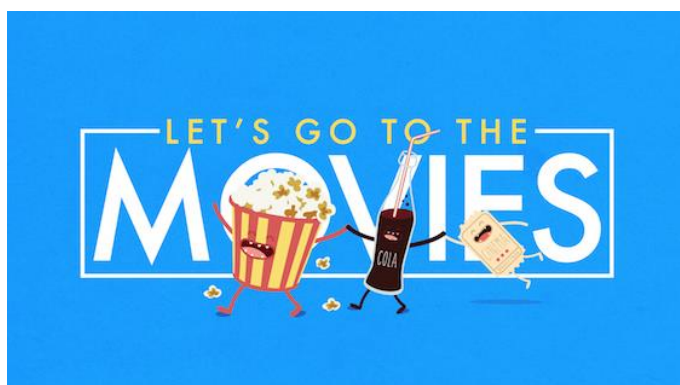
Has your child outgrown their school uniform, or do you have any used uniform items lying in a ward robe?

You can help other students by donating your child's pre-loved uniform items to the school.

All sizes are welcome as long as they are in good condition with zippers and buttons working and no holes or large stains.

Thank you very much on behalf of our students and staff.

BENDIGO CINEMAS – SENSORY FRIENDLY FILM



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.

ALL TICKETS \$5!



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 9
10.15AM**



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READY-SET-CONNECT



Hello, Bendigo!

**FREE NDIS
NETWORKING EVENT**



Tuesday 25/10/2022



10:00 AM to 12:30 PM



All Seasons Resort Hotel, 171/183
McIvor Hwy, Strathdale, VIC.

WHO?

Support coordinators, support workers, people with disability, teachers, parents and carers are all welcome.

WHY?

Get to know NDIS providers servicing your local area and boost your contacts in a fun and informative networking session.

HOW?

Register at oncommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect

JOIN US

EVENT SPONSORS



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for confidence

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NEWS FROM OUR GARDENING GROUP

Last week, the Friday Work Skills Gardening group have been busy preparing lettuce bowls.
Our students are excited to share some photos as they have grown a variety of lettuce, spinach
and
ready summer salads.



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OSHC NEWS

OSHC have been extremely busy over the last couple of weeks with our September School Holiday Program. The children had opportunities to engage in a range of different activities that included a circus day, music sensory activities, spontaneous craft and STEAM activities, the OSHC Theatre and a disco party with lots of pizza that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The children also visited Lake Eppalock where they participated in water activities, used nets to catch fish, practiced casting with fishing rods and finished the morning with a picnic lunch of sandwiches and fruit.

It was amazing to see all children try new activities and engage so happily in all the experiences of the program. We can't wait for the January SHP where we can again provide lots of opportunities for each of the children to experience.



SCHOOL
HOLIDAY
FUN





THE VARIETY KIDS XMAS PARTY IS COMING!



The Variety Kids Xmas Party is Back for 2022!

The Variety Kids Xmas Party is an annual event where Victorian kids, aged 0 to 12yrs, who are facing challenges with disadvantage or living with illness or disability come together to have fun in an inclusive and welcoming environment with their families.

There are carnival rides, attractions, clowns, costumes, live entertainment, food, games, and sports.

Date: Wednesday 14 December 2022

Time: 10am - 2pm (registration opens at 9am)

Location: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
1 Convention Centre Pl, South Wharf VIC 3006

Cost: FREE, strictly by invitation only to Variety families, organisations, and schools.

Ticket Info: Please note that tickets are capped at 150 per organisation
([tickets](#) will be offered to the first 150 people to respond).

Parking: There are multiple options for car parking in the area, please check rates as some may charge by the hour.

Please note that we are unable to cater for specific dietary requests.

'No Media' stickers will be available upon request.

We look forward to seeing you at this spectacular event!

RSVP: To Bendigo Special Developmental School to secure your tickets!

This form needs to be returned to Bendigo Special Developmental School before
18th November 2022

Student's Name.....Age..... (Must be under 12years of age)

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Yes, I would like to register my interest for my child to attend.

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Number of siblings attending. Age..... (Must be under 12 years of age)

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Number of parents/Carers attending





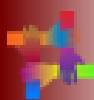
FREE TO A GOOD HOME

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Dear families,

The trike below is in good condition and free to a good home.

Should you be interested, please feel free to contact the office on 03 5447 3267.





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PEOPLE OUTDOORS

CAMPS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY

Adventure for All!



- Overnight Camps
- Weekend Camps
- School Holiday Camps

All meals, activities, transport and accommodation included. Central pick up point.

We are a Registered NDIS Service Provider. NDIS plan not required to attend.

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30 years experience!

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Ballarat - 0455 514 879



www.peopleoutdoors.org.au



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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Marong Family Fun Day

- Climbing wall
- Live music
- Bubbles and balloons
- Hi Hat Bear and the Chuckleberry Farmers
- Marong Football and Cricket Club activities
- Bush dancing with Marong Primary School
- Marong Community Consultation
 - Township Structure Plan
 - Bendigo Regional Employment Park
 - Kindergarten and Community Hub
 - Community Plan



BBQ
Sausages and
veggie burgers
\$2 each

Drinks \$2 each

Wominjeka **Simu**

Welcome

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Sunday October 16th
10.00am – 1.00pm

Malone Park – 41 Malone Park Road
Marong



**CITY OF GREATER
BENDIGO**

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FAIR

**Saturday
29 October
8am-1pm**

Craft

Plants



Preserves

Baked Goods



Morning Tea



2nd Hand Clothes



Raffle



Free Concert



For further info contact Geoff on 0418 145 105

Fair held in large carpark, access off Church & Bank Street



St Mary's

Anglican Church

Kangaroo Flat

03 5447 7427

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