



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 4, 2022 Monday 03rd October – Monday 19th December	Term 1, 2023 All students start on Tuesday 31st January 2023
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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday	19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of school for all students Finish at 3 pm
Monday	30th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil Free Day
Tuesday	31st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Day back at school for all students



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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.











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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Thank you all, for the part you have played in the success of the students we farewell today. Congratulations Anna, Lily, Maisie, Nick D, Shannon, Mackenzie, Erin on your incredible achievements throughout your schooling years. We wish you every continued success and thank you for the role models you have been for our school community.

GRADUATING STUDENTS

The last THREE years, whilst experiencing a global pandemic, have impacted our society in ways that have not been experienced by the current generations.

We can all be very quick to judge what this situation has robbed off our Graduating Students of 2022.

Whilst we have been able to claw back some of the cherished highlight on our school calendar, like our bi-annual Debutante Ball, there is no doubt that the waves of illness that hit our school and our community have had an impact on the consistency of their final year of school.

Whilst there have been some milestones and moments that have been lost from the last three years, I have a preference to look at what this experience has taught us all, and what our students have gained as a result.

Our Graduating Class of 2022 has developed incredible resilience. They have learnt to adapt to a new way of learning, or to new people teaching them. They have learnt that change is inevitable, and that it can be survived, maybe not always comfortably, but that change is not always a disaster. Our Graduating Class of 2022 have learnt about the bigger world around them, that they can and do have a positive impact on others by their actions, and above all, they have learnt that they are capable, and confident, and that whilst setbacks and disappointment will occur in their lives, there is always something to be learned and they can adapt and overcome.

These lessons, of course, cannot be achieved without the tireless and relentless support of the families around our Graduating Students, and the creativity and commitment of the staff of Bendigo SDS.

MAREE EDWARDS,

"PUTTING COMMUNITY FIRST" AWARD

This year, our local member of parliament, Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards, again awarded the perpetual award she established last year for a graduating student.

The award is a certificate and a \$100 book voucher to be awarded to a graduating student who has been deemed to demonstrate "Putting Community First" behaviours and attitudes whilst a student at BSDS.

This could include:

- Representing our school community
- Being a role model within our school community and/or contributing to the wider community.

The Winner of the 2022 "Maree Edwards' Putting Community First Award" : Mackenzie Scoles.

Mackenzie is a positive role model within the school community. He works hard at upholding the school's values; 'Acting Safely' and 'Showing Respect' to all those he is interacting with. On several occasions, Mackenzie has been observed to be a community up-stander by calling out unsafe behaviour and in doing so supporting all to be their best. Mackenzie puts the community first by demonstrating to others the behaviours and attitudes that make a community great.

Congratulations Mackenzie on being awarded the "Maree Edwards Putting Community First Award".





BASKET TEA

It was wonderful to celebrate the coming holiday season with our wider school community at the Basket Tea on Wednesday.

We are again indebted to the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat for their support of our celebration, both in providing the lovely lolly bags and helping Santa get to our school with his entourage of elves on motorbikes. This year they also were able to get Walkers Donuts to donate 150 donuts for our students and their families, which were a hit and gobbled up in delight.

Congratulations must also go to the students who performed under the skilled guidance of Belinda Dean, our Dramatic Arts teacher. Despite the threat of rain, there were many silver linings to the clouds and all who attended I am sure enjoyed the time together as a community. Thank you once again to the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to thank each and every member of our school community for partnering with us to provide the very best environment for all of our students.

There is no doubt that this year has again brought significant challenges, however, I know that we have still achieved much as a community and that the lessons we have learnt along the way will only make us stronger into the future.

I wish you all the very happiest Christmas period and hope the break from the rigours of the school routines affords you the opportunity to rest and restore.

See you all in 2023! Merry Christmas!

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



16 December	Naiton	Room 4	16 December	Anthony	Room 23
18 December	Donna	Room 8/9	18 December	David	Room 15
20 December	Hannah	Room 20	21 December	Raiden	Room 1
21 December	Luke	Room 1	23 December	Marion	Room 13
25 December	Kristy	Technologies	26 December	Kylie	MIST
26 December	Jon	Room 21	28 December	Mitchell	Room 15
29 December	William	Room 19	31 December	Lily	Room 22
31 December	Jessica	Room 22	HAPPY BIRTHDAY		





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BASKET TEA 2022



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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



International Day of People with Disability

Saturday the 3rd of December was International Day of People with Disability, which is not only a huge international celebration, but is also aimed at increasing public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability.

We invited our students to come to school in casual clothes and participate in 'The Big Picnic' for morning teatime on Friday 2nd December. There's been a dance party, bubbly play and staff has been busy giving hairspray to students and staff.

We'd like to share some great photos with you all!





ROOM 8/9 & ROOM 22 – BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK





SECONDARY SCHOOL VACCINATIONS

MISSED SCHOOL VACCINATIONS?



HPV vaccination is a safe and reliable way to protect young people from a range of HPV related cancers and diseases.

Maintaining high uptake of HPV vaccination will also help eliminate cervical cancer in Victoria by 2030.

The HPV vaccine protects against 9 strains of HPV that cause:

- over 90% of cervical cancers
- over 95 % of HPV-related cancers.

The vaccine also protects against another 2 types of HPV which cause 90% of genital warts.

Victorian students in Year 7 (or aged 12-13) receive the HPV vaccine and is free for all Victorian young people under the [National Immunisation Program](#).

HPV vaccination is provided as a two-dose course with doses given 6 months apart. Adolescents need two doses to be considered up to date.

Ensuring young people under age 20 are up to date with their immunisations according to the National Immunisation Schedule is relevant for [Family Tax Benefit payments](#).

HPV catch-up vaccination is available to adolescents that may have missed one or both of their HPV vaccinations, due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If your child requires HPV vaccination, please contact immunisation@bendigo.vic.gov.au

Or Scan QR Code to book into one of our public sessions at Strathdale Community Centre



HPV vaccination can also be accessed through GPs, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, and pharmacies.





OSHC NEWS

At OSHC we are getting ready for a massive January **SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**.

This school holidays may be our most exciting yet with Excursions to Echuca, Lake Eppalock, Palmer's Gym and Geelong Water Park as well as and incursions from the amazing Supreme Incursions.

We will also be exploring the wonders of the world over the 4 weeks with our **"Around the world"** days.

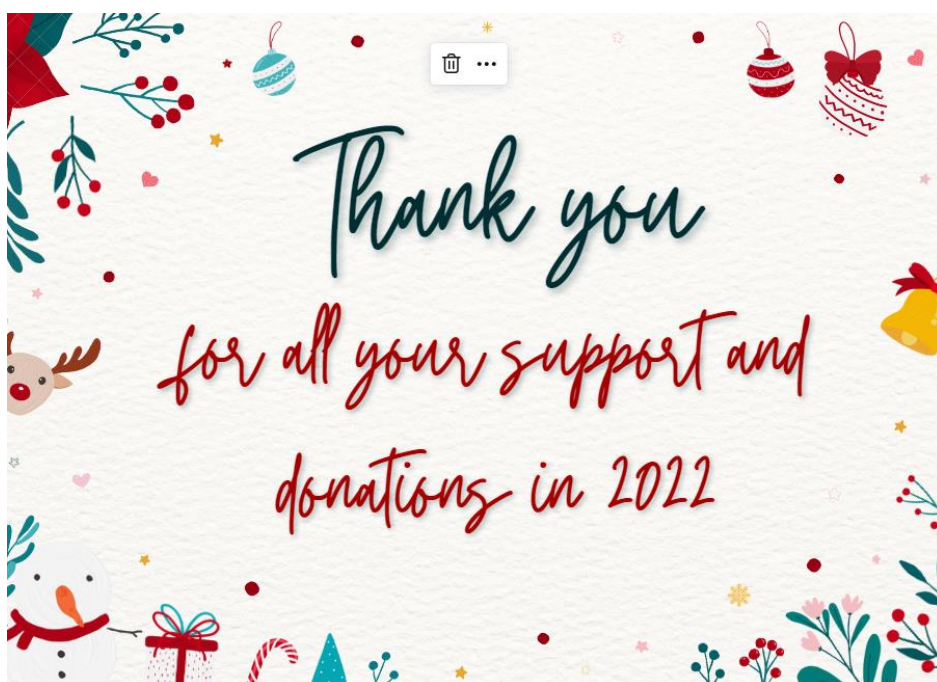
Children will be adventuring to England, China, Egypt, and Italy and learning about all the different cultures through cooking activities and STEAM experiences.

There will be a range of amazing activities provided that all children can enjoy and participate in.

We are extremely excited that we can provide all our children with this amazing SHP.



THANK YOU!



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PARENT PAYMENT POLICY 2023



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PARENT PAYMENT POLICY 2023

November 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Bendigo Special Developmental School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Bendigo Special Developmental School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wider range of special curriculum experiences and enhanced digital learning opportunities.

Bendigo Special Developmental School makes every effort to keep the contribution requests to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely



Kirshy McAinch
PRINCIPAL



Leah Thomas
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT





Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment (in place of booklists) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Classroom Needs including paper, pencils, class texts • Food Technology: food, cooking, sensory needs, food sensitivity, daily living skills, increasing diet range • STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) and Music: classroom supplies and resources including instruments and digital technologies • Therapy: equipment needs may include specialised eating utensils, daily living modifications • Swimming / Hydrotherapy: swimming program equipment, resources • Bike Education: bikes, helmets • Community Access: local excursion transport costs, public transport costs 	\$ 170.00
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boardmaker (\$10.00) • See Saw (\$10.00) 	\$ 20.00
ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets (\$10.00)	\$ 10.00
Communication tools - PODD books, assistive technology devices, displays (\$50.00)	\$ 50.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials (\$100.00)	\$ 100.00
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Day of People With A Disability (\$5.00) • SWPBS Celebration Day (\$5.00) 	\$ 10.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
First aid and hygiene equipment (Suggested \$10)	
School grounds maintenance and improvements (Suggested \$10)	\$
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. (Suggested \$10)	\$
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. (Suggested \$10)	\$
Total Amount (Suggested \$40)	\$





Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Bendigo Special Developmental School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Camps, Excursions, Incursions, Performances (School Production) and Travel Safety Equipment are not included in the Curriculum Contributions. Information specific to these will be communicated to you as planning is undertaken during the year.		
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

Bendigo Special Developmental School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Instalment Payments / Flexible Payment Plans are available on request

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Kirshy McAinch, Principal
Ph: 03 54473267

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions (Suggested \$360)	\$
Other Contributions (Suggested \$40)	\$
Total (Suggested \$400)	\$

Payment methods

Eftpos, Cash, Direct Deposit to School Bank Account and Centrepay

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.





PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.





WINDARRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



It's School Holidays at Windarring!

Windarring will be offering exciting trips, outings, and activities on alternating days of the school holidays. Please bring along companion cards if you have them to each activity.

Whilst, we don't have planned activities every day, we are able to arrange support upon request.

We plan on utilising public transport wherever possible to develop the skills required to be able to use this independently with confidence in the future. Please bring along myki cards.

Due to this, start and finishing times of activities will vary between locations. With any queries, questions or to book in for support please contact:

Ash: aspencer@windarring.org.au or Lisa: lo'grady@windarring.org.au or call us on 03 5472 1599 between 8:30am and 4pm Monday to Friday

Please note Windarring will be closed between December 23rd 2022 and return on January the 3rd 2023.

If you require support during this time, please let us know as soon as possible, noting that staff availability may be limited.



**Wednesday January 4th
Swimming at Eyneton Pool**

Cost:
Child (5-16): \$5.60 or \$4.90 concession
Adult (17+): \$7.10 or \$5.60 concession
Please bring along lunch or money to purchase, water bottle, bathers, towel, and sunscreen



**Friday January 6th
Bowling at Watergardens**

Cost: \$15.90 concession
Please bring along lunch or money to purchase



**Monday January 9th
BBQ lunch at Eyneton Botanical Gardens**

Cost: \$5.00
Please bring along water bottle, hat, and sunscreen



**Wednesday January 11th
Trip to the movies at Sunbury**

Cost: \$14.50
Please bring along lunch or money to purchase



**Friday January 13th
Melbourne Museum**

Please bring along lunch or money to purchase, hat, water bottle and sunscreen



**Monday January 16th
Swimming at Melton Waves**

Cost:
Child (3-17): \$5.80
Adult (17+): \$8.70
Please bring along lunch or money to purchase, water bottle, bathers, towel, and sunscreen



**Wednesday January 18th
Trip to Romsey Ecotherapy Park**

Please bring along lunch, water bottle, hat, and sunscreen



**Friday January 20th
Jumpz Bendigo**

Cost: \$25.00 includes socks
Please bring along lunch or money to purchase, hat, water bottle and sunscreen



**Monday January 23rd
Ballarat Wildlife Park**

Cost:
Child (5-15): \$19.50
Concession: \$29.50
Please bring along lunch or money to purchase, hat, water bottle and sunscreen



**Wednesday January 26th
Swimming at Eyneton Pool**

Cost:
Child (5-16): \$5.60 or \$4.90 concession
Adult (17+): \$7.10 or \$5.60 concession
Please bring along lunch or money to purchase, water bottle, bathers, towel, and sunscreen



**Friday January 27th
Melbourne Aquarium**

Cost: \$32.00
Please bring along lunch or money to purchase, hat, water bottle and sunscreen



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Merry CHRISTmas

and BEST WISHES for 2023

SEE YOU ON
TUESDAY 31
JANUARY 2023

