



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 3, 2022	Term 4, 2022
Monday 11 th July – Friday 16 th September	Monday 03 rd October - Tuesday 20 th December

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday	25 th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent to Parent meeting in the Kangaroo Flat Library at 09.00 am
Friday	26 th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear it Purple Day
Thursday	1 st September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance Meeting at 2.00 pm
Friday	2 nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Father's Day Breakfast Footy Colours Day
Monday	12 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council Meeting at 7.00 pm
Friday	16 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – EARLY FINISH AT 2 PM

Our Values

- Driving learning growth
- Valuing diversity with kindness and respect
- Uniting to achieve excellence
- Ensuring equity of opportunity

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



ARCHITECTS ANNOUNCED

We are so excited to share with you that ePlus Architecture, a local Bendigo company, have been appointed to be the architects of our new school.

The co-Directors of the company, Nick Marino, and Terry Mitton have had significant experience in delivering incredible buildings both in Bendigo and across Victoria over 30 plus years in the business and they also have experience in special education projects, most recently as the architects of Kalianna. The ePlus Architecture submission was characterised by an unwavering commitment to listen to the experts in Bendigo SDS, namely, you as parents and carers, our incredible staff and of course, our students, to identify what it is that we want and need to make our school specific to our needs and to bring our dreams and aspirations for our future school to reality. To this end, Nick and Terry want to hear from you and we will be having some parent/guardian workshops very soon to get your input. Since the official launch and announcement of ePlus Architecture last week, we now have a tight timeline of 10 weeks to design a Master Plan for our school. This is the most exciting part; let's get working together to build our ideal school for our deserving and precious students.

PARENT/CARER/GUARDIAN SURVEY

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of our school environment, our learning programs and student engagement.

We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted until Friday 16th September.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Please go to this website

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

And enter our unique school PIN **541084**

COMMUNITY SAFETY ORDER SCHEME

Schools are positive places of learning where everyone has a right to a safe and healthy learning environment. Schools are also workplaces, and school staff deserve to work in an environment where they don't feel threatened or unsafe.

From Term 3, 2022, the School Community Safety Order Scheme (Scheme) will come into effect in all Victorian schools. This Scheme allows principals and other authorised persons to issue ongoing or immediate school community safety orders that place limitations on the way certain parents, carers or other adults who act in a harmful, abusive, or threatening way behave towards staff, students or others in the school community. (For those reading this newsletter on email, you can click [here](#) for more information about the Scheme, including a [short video](#) that provides an overview of the Scheme.)

This Scheme provides a range of safeguards for people who may be subject to an order and their child. For example, before issuing an ongoing school community safety order, an authorised person must consider the person's response to the notice to issue an order and how an order may impact their child. Orders can only be issued as a last resort option if it is the least restrictive option to address the behaviour.





To read more about the protections built into the Scheme for parents, carers and other adults who may be subject to an order (including information on appeal rights), access the [Department's website](#) or follow the link below: <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-community-safety-orders>

Everyone at school, particularly staff and parents/carers, play a role in making school a better place for learning and work. The [Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy](#) outlines the shared roles of parents, carers and school staff in creating a positive environment for learning.

Our mutual objective is to support your child's education. To do this, we ask that feedback and

complaints are both constructive and respectful. Parents are reminded to follow the school's complaints policy or process or the [Department's Complaints Policy](#) if you wish to raise any constructive and respectful feedback.

You can find the [Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy](#) and other resources to build a positive relationship with our school community at this website [here](#) - [Building a positive relationship with your child's school](#) | [Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au\)](#)

If you have any questions about the Scheme, please don't hesitate to contact me at any stage.

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



20 August	Anna	Room 23	22 August	Georgia	Room 8/9
27 August	Sophie	ESS	30 August	Belinda	The Arts
01 September	Nikki T.	ESS			





WELLBEING SUPPORT TEAM



IMPORTANT PARENT TO PARENT MEETING

We cannot wait to see you on **25th AUGUST at 9:00 am** in the Kangaroo flat library (across the road). Tea and coffee will be supplied.

Come for a cuppa and a chat as today we really need parental input into the design of our new school.

We have already met with architects, and we have a tight timeline to share our ideas.

We have staff input happening NOW

**WE REALLY NEED YOU AND YOUR PARENTAL INPUT
COME AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!**

- What works, what doesn't, tell us about your experiences in our space or lack of.....
- What could parental drop off, pick up look like in a new space.
- Classrooms and outside/inside play areas. Come and share, design and be creative.....
- What other schools have you seen?
- And anything you can think of that you feel is important for our students and school community.

Come and meet with other parents to share your general concerns and stories.

Thank you!

Meg and Drew (Welfare team), our students, our staff, and the whole school community





WAYS TO REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Did you know we have various options available to report your child's absence?

To ensure your child's absence marked accurately and your message is received by the teacher, support staff and office staff, we would like to recommend using the following options to communicate with us.

1. **Download the Flexi Buzz App and report your child's absence. Your message will be sent as an email to the office.**
2. **Send an email to bendigo.sds@education.vic.gov.au**
3. **Call the office on 03 5447 3267, choose option 1, and leave your message on our Absence Line**

Please don't hesitate to contact the office when you have any questions.



is the new Flexi Buzz App

1. Download the Flexischools App

Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.



2. Add your School and Group

Click on the search icon, enter your school name, select your school and year group, or groups relevant to you.

3. Login/Register

Click the 'Order now' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app, this will open a login screen.

- **Already a Flexischools user** - Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'.
- **New Flexischools user** - Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account.
Once your account is set up, add new student; search for our school, enter student details and select their class.

If you have any questions, please contact the Flexischools Customer Service Team on **1300 361 769**, or you can contact them via their website.

The Flexischools system is now available and ready to use.

If you have any questions about the online services we are introducing, please ask the school office for more information.





WEAR IT PURPLE DAY – FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST

Wear It Purple Day – Friday August 26th

We invite all students, families, and staff to wear Rainbow colours on this day!

Hello to all families, carers, and students 😊

We are very excited and looking forward to showing our support as a school again for Wear It Purple Day on Friday the 26th of August. Wear It Purple Day is a day of celebration, recognition and support for all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTQI+) young people, also known as 'Rainbow Young People'.



Wear It Purple was founded in 2010 in response to global stories of real teenagers, real heartache, and their very real responses. In 2010, several rainbow young people took their own lives following bullying and harassment resulting from the lack of acceptance of their sexuality or gender identity. In Australia currently, we know statistically that LGBTQI+ people experience much higher levels of anxiety, depression, and suicidal ideation. We also know that 39% of young people who identify as LGBTQI+ also identify as having a disability or long-term medical condition.

As a school, we want to uphold our school's value of '*valuing diversity with kindness and respect*' and create a safe and supportive environment for all our students, staff and families. Therefore, Wear It Purple Day is a big day on our wellbeing calendar and is a day that we will continue to promote and support to ensure that we are building a safe and supportive culture at Bendigo SDS.

To celebrate this day as a school, we invite all students, families, and staff to wear **Rainbow colours** on this day, and we will be participating in a whole school art project utilising all the colours of the rainbow to show our support for Rainbow Young People. This will be a whole school contribution that will be accompanied by Respectful Relationships material in the classrooms with the themes of inclusion and diversity. To add to the fun and celebratory theme of the day, we will be having some fun activities such as making rainbow cupcakes, music/dance parties at play times and optional Face Paint Makeovers available for our students (Parent/carers permission forms will be sent home for face painting).

This is an extremely important day for all schools in promoting mental health, celebrating diversity, and ensuring that everybody feels welcome and supported. If you want to learn more about the day and its importance, below are some links about the origins of Wear It Purple and a statistical snapshot of mental health of Rainbow Young People in Australia (2021).





WEAR IT PURPLE DAY 2022 FRIDAY THE 26TH OF AUGUST



Every year thousands of schools, community organisations, universities and workplaces hold events across Australia for Wear It Purple Day. As a day of significance for many Australians, it focuses on our LGBTQIA+ youth and the issues they face, whilst showing them they have the right to be proud of who they are and who they are becoming.

Wear it Purple Day is now an international movement of expression, celebration and support. By wearing purple on the last Friday of August, you will demonstrate to hundreds of thousands of rainbow young people across Australia that you see them, you support them, and you respect them.

We encourage you all to celebrate Wear It Purple Day with us on the 26th of August this year.

'STILL ME, STILL HUMAN'.

Each year, Wear It Purple's Youth Action Council (YAC) brainstorms a theme relevant to them. Their task is to come up with the day's focus based on how they're feeling and the rhetoric in the LGBTQIA+ youth community.

This year the theme they have decided for Wear It Purple Day 2022 is 'Still me, still human'. The message being that people tend to focus on labels, the news story, the target or data and forget what we truly are – human.

Our 2022 theme encapsulates the message of humanity, honesty, integrity and authenticity when discussing all diverse identities within the LGBTQIA+ community. We are your hospitality workers, your retail staff, your lawyers, your financial advisors, your teachers and, most importantly, your youth. We are human. It reassures us that the world is changing for the better to embrace a variety of diverse individuals and, over time, remove dehumanising stigmas surrounding LGBTQIA+ communities.

Wear It Purple – origins and story: <https://www.wearitpurple.org/our-story>

Snapshot of mental health statistics: [2021 Snapshot of Mental Health \(LGBTQI+\).pdf](#)

Have a great weekend,

Meg & Drew.





SWPBS NEWS

School-wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Learning of expectations:

We are learning about the **'moving and transitions'** part of our student matrix. This includes actions such as **walking, stopping at a place when asked, and moving quietly in our school**. At present, some students find this tricky, so it is particularly important that we remind them of the expectations we are looking for before moving from one area of the school to the next.

Acknowledgment:

Staff will be **praising** students who are showing the following actions and giving them **golden tickets** to go towards their reward sheets. When students complete their reward sheet (10 or 20 stickers depending on the student ability to wait for a reward), they will go to the treasure chest in the office and collect their prize. We cannot wait to see the excitement and joy that students display when getting their prizes!

You can provide the same praise to your children when moving around in the community to further their understanding of ways to **act safely, show respect, and be their best**.

Hamish Morcom

SWPBS Coordinator and occupational therapist

 ACT SAFELY	MOVING & TRANSITIONS  Walk  Stop at a place when asked
	 SHOW RESPECT  Move quietly in our school
	 BE YOUR BEST  Wait for instructions  Go directly to destination  Hands and feet to yourself





NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK



13 - 21 AUGUST 2022 - AUSTRALIA WIDE

This week is National Science Week, and the theme is **'Glass - more than meets the eye'**.

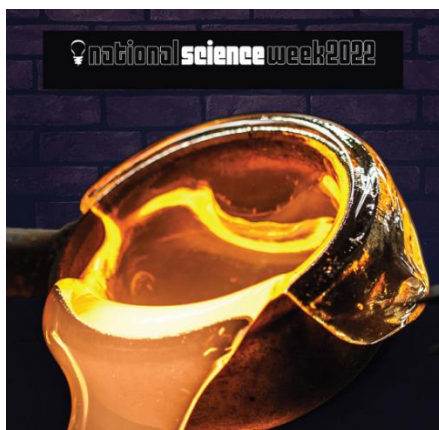
In STEAM lessons, students learnt about how glass is used in our daily lives. They explored how glass is made, and how it can be recycled again and again. Students then made either a stained-glass window using cellophane and paper, or stained-glass jars using a paint pouring method.

The Arts lessons also joined in the fun by making and decorating eyeglasses and playing a tune on a water xylophone.

You could try playing 'I Spy' or having a scavenger hunt at home to see how many glass items you can find inside and outside. You might be surprised!

Here's some Fun Facts about glass:

- Glass is 100% recyclable.
- Natural glass can be formed by lightning striking sand or during a volcanic eruption.
- Glass can be recycled over and over again.
- A typical family uses, on average, 330 glass jars every year.
- Most glass bottles contain over 25% recycled glass. Green bottles can contain up to 90%.
- People in Mesopotamia made glass beads as far back as 2500 BC.
- Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to operate a 100-watt light bulb for 4 hours and power a computer for 25 minutes.



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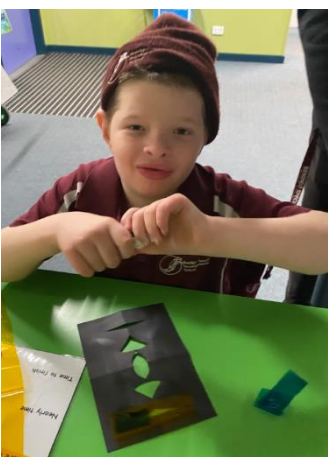
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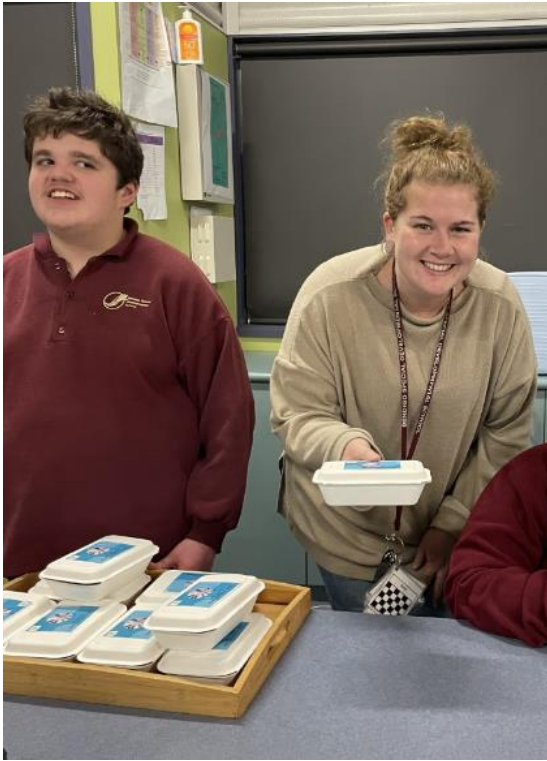


COMMUNITY WEEK

Our school has been invited by Woolworth Lansell Plaza to be a part of Community Week, which runs from the 15th to the 21st of August. Community Week has a focus on engaging with the local community.

As part of Community week, Woolworths Lansell Plaza has kindly donated the ingredients for Rum Balls.

Our students in Rooms 19 and 20 made some delicious Rum Balls as a treat for all our classes.



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FREE FITNESS SESSION FOR PARENTS & CARERS



STAYING STRONG GROUP FOR PARENTS

ARE YOU A PARENT/ CARER/ SUPPORT PERSON OF A CHILD WITH DISABILITY UNDER THE AGE OF 18?

WE ARE RUNNING **FREE FITNESS SESSIONS** EVERY FORTNIGHT IN BENDIGO, FOLLOWED BY FREE COFFEE AND A CHAT

WHEN: EVERY SECOND THURSDAY, STARTING ON THE 7TH JULY 2022 **10:30AM- 11:30AM**

WHERE: MEET AT THE **QEO OVAL** TOILET BLOCK

FOLLOWED BY COFFEE AT **POM POM CAFE!**

WHAT DO I NEED? JUST BRING YOU...A YOGA MAT OR TOWEL AND DRINK BOTTLE

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST COME ALONG!

Need more information?

Call us today on 03 5222 5499

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Mr Bruce Fraser for your generous donation of a great range of Christmas decorations and Art supplies.

We are all excited to create some beautiful artwork and decorate our school when Christmas time is here.

Your donation is greatly appreciated by our students, staff, and the whole school community.



By Ines Roan-Ridd, Age 9 from Scottston Primary School in Glasgow

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

CAULIFLOWER BASE PIZZA WITH PROSCIUTTO

INGREDIENTS MAKES 4

- 1 Medium Cauliflower, cut into florets
- 1 Coles Australian Free-Range Egg
- ½ Cup (40g) finely grated Parmesan
- ½ Cup Mint leaves
- 1 Garlic Clove, finely chopped
- 1/4 Cup (35g) hazelnuts, toasted
- 1/3 Cup (25g) finely grated Parmesan, extra
- 120g pkt Coles Australian Baby Rocket
- 1/3 Cup (80ml) avocado oil or olive oil
- 100g Bocconcini, coarsely torn
- 8 slices Prosciutto, coarsely torn



TIME TO PREPARE AND BAKE

1. Preheat oven to 220C. Place the cauliflower in a food processor. Process until very finely chopped. Transfer to a frying pan. Place over medium-high heat. Cook, stirring for 2-3 mins or until the cauliflower is heated through. Set aside for 5 mins to cool slightly.
2. Place cauliflower in a clean tea towel. Squeeze the cauliflower in the tea towel to remove excess liquid. Transfer the cauliflower to a large bowl. Add egg and parmesan and stir to combine.
3. Line a large baking tray with baking paper. Spoon the cauliflower mixture onto the lined tray. Use a palette knife or the back of a metal spoon to spread and press the cauliflower into a 25cm-diameter disc. Bake for 15 mins or until golden.
4. Meanwhile, place the mint, garlic, hazelnuts, extra parmesan and 100g of the rocket in a clean food processor and process until finely chopped. With the motor running, gradually add the oil in a thin, steady stream until well combined. Season.
5. Transfer the pizza base to a serving platter. Spread the base with half the pesto. Top with the bocconcini, prosciutto and remaining rocket. Drizzle with the remaining pesto to serve. Enjoy!





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KANGAROO FLAT MARKET



#supportlocal

Don't miss it

You'll find a Little Bit of Everything at

KANGAROO FLAT MARKET

Sat. 27th August
from 8am – 1pm
@ Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church
High Street (opposite ALDI) if raining Market will be cancelled

Market Stalls:	Trash & Treasure; s/h furniture; h/hold items; also, Tools; Books; Clothing; Plants; Toys; Craft; and Produce; Jams; Cakes, Slices & much more.
Car Boot Sales:	
HUGE GARAGE Sale:	

We apologize that we are unable to have the Sausage Sizzle or to provide Devonshire Teas due to the devastating fire in our Church last month.

For all enquiries and site bookings
please contact MAX: 5443 1809 / blume_m@bigpond.com
COVID-SAFE PRACTICES WILL BE FOLLOWED

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2022 CIRCUS QUIRKUS ONLINE STREAMING EVENT

Unlimited and on-demand streaming of our online Circus Quirkus show is now available.

This is not a live stream but a pre-recorded video of the show that you can watch at your convenience and as often as you want.

2022 CIRCUS QUIRKUS ONLINE STREAMING EVENT

Watch directly from our stage to your
screen with **FREE** unlimited and
on-demand viewing at your convenience.
Auslan Video Interpreting Now Available!

Featuring...



Rodrigo Hoyos
Uni Cycle & Diabolo Artist



Rhett Morrow
Balloon Twister



The FlipAntics
Acrobats



The Gagliardies
Circus Clowns

Click on the web link or scan the QR code below
and enter the password to access the video...

vimeo.com/showcase/cqidfa22



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WHITE NIGHT BENDIGO – 03 SEPTEMBER 2022



**White
Night
Bendigo**

DJANGI DJA DJA WURRUNG BALAK
HOME OF DJA DJA WURRUNG PEOPLE

SEE BENDIGO IN A NEW LIGHT

Saturday 3 September
7pm - 1am

Program out now


 




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