



# School Bendigo Special *creates inclusive communities* 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	Term 3, 2022
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September

## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday	26 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NDIS Info Session &amp; Parent to Parent Group 09.30 am at the Kangaroo Flat Library</li></ul>
Tuesday	31 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Professional Development Day for Staff NO SCHOOL for Students</li></ul>
Monday	13 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Queen's Birthday – NO SCHOOL</li></ul>
Friday	17 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Debutante Ball</li></ul>
Friday	24 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Last day of Term 2 – 2.00 PM finish</li></ul>

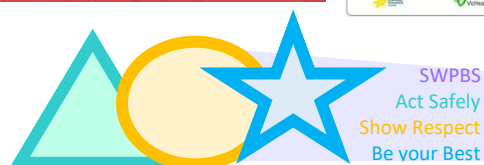
### Our Values



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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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## ASSISTANT - PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Hi Parents and Carers,

Kirshy was absent today, so let me slide in!

### **PARENT/CARER FORUM**

Firstly, thank you to the parents and carers that were able to come to our parent/carers forum last night to discuss the upcoming construction works at our school.

For those who weren't able to make the forum, there's still time and we would love your input!

Follow this QR code link below to a survey and answer a few questions that will help out.

We'll also post the link to the survey on our Facebook page.



### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY**

Fiona, our Humanities teacher, has been busy recording our very own BSDS Acknowledgement of the Country video.

Our aim is for the video to be played at the beginning of their Humanities lessons to assist students to understand the acknowledgement of the country and how it is performed.

*'Here is the land, Here is the sky,*

*Here are my friends, Here am I,*

*I acknowledge the lands and sky from the roots of the trees to the clouds in the sky,*

*I acknowledge Elders PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE of Dja Dja Wurrung,*

*Whose land that we learn on today'*

It was great watching students build their confidence to be recorded. As you can imagine, some students were more eager than others, but who knows, some may be destined for the big screen! We'll be sure to post the video on our Facebook page once we're finished for you to check it out.

### **COLDS and FLUS**

Please be aware that there are a number of cases of 'normal' colds and flus going around, and we expect the number of these to increase as the colder weather sets in.

Even if a student tests negative for COVID, if they have symptoms of coughs or runny noses, please do not send them to school, as we will be required to isolate them under our COVID procedures and send them home.

### **STAFF PD**

'Challenging Traditional Assessment Practices'. On Monday we had a small group of teachers travel to Melbourne in the early hours of the morning to attend a professional development seminar at Wantirna College.

We were able to see Professor Dylan William present on formative assessment and 'responsive teaching' (a current focus of ours) who made the case for every school to make it a priority.





## SWPBS REWARDS DAY

Our students have reached the 150 gold bullions just last week, which means that they have earned the Whole School Reward.

The reward is an exciting one!

We can't give it away just yet, but staff is working hard to come up with a great reward and making arrangements so every student can be part of this great achievement.

It is likely to happen in the last week of term! We will update you all as soon as more information can be shared.

The reward is part of the School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support Approach to teaching proactive and prosocial behaviours and expectations within our school.

Students are rewarded and praised for displaying the focus behaviours on our Student Matrix. Go team BSDS!

## 2022 DEBUTANTE BALL

We are all set for our 2022 Debutante Ball, which will be held on the 17th of June at the All-Seasons Hotel.

Our staff cannot wait to see our 2022 debutantes make their grand appearance in front of their family and friends.

Practice for the big event is coming along well.

Enjoy the weekend, rug up!

**Dehne Anstee**

**Assistant 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



22 May	<b>Charlie</b>	Room 6	22 May	<b>Rowena</b>	ESS
23 May	<b>Sara H</b>	ESS	28 May	<b>Seth</b>	Room 2
01 June	<b>Chloe</b>	Room 13	02 June	<b>Dylan</b>	Room 5
02 June	<b>Tasman</b>	Room 6	03 June	<b>Izaiah</b>	Room 1



## NDIS INFO SESSION & PARENT TO PARENT GROUP

### How do I get my NDIS plan to reflect and support my school transition plan?"

Date Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of May

Time 09.30 - 10.30 am

Location Kangaroo Flat Library across the road, enter down the right side, past the bins, (as the library doesn't officially open till 10:00).

This session is focusing on Transitioning students and carers.

Even though it may not be relevant just yet for some of our younger families, anyone is welcome to participate and see what happens at the end of schooling.

Always time for a cuppa and chat with other families at the end of the discussion.

Meg and Drew







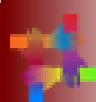
## ATTENTION YEAR 11 AND 12 PARENTS NEW DATE!!!!

### HOW DO I GET MY NDIS PLAN TO REFLECT AND SUPPORT MY SCHOOL TRANSITION PLAN?

**Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30 – 10.30**

Please RSVP via email to [kim.giles@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kim.giles@education.vic.gov.au) or  
[meaghan.holmes@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:meaghan.holmes@education.vic.gov.au)

We are meeting with the NDIS team from Intereach, to ask all our questions regarding NDIS funding in relation to next year's program. Be aware that once you have chosen your program you need to share this with NDIS, so that they can fund the program and put in all the supports your young person will need. This is likely to mean a plan review. Now is a good time to think really broadly about your young person's needs. It will be a good time to meet the other parents, ask questions (that everyone is asking) and to understand more about how NDIS works for school leavers. Kim Giles and Meg Holmes will be hosting and joining the discussion. This is a very important meeting, so please make all efforts possible to attend. Your young person may like to be involved with you and are welcome to attend. If so, please collect them from school and sign them out to attend with you. Even if your child is in Year 11, this is a great session to attend, so that you are well informed in relation to NDIS funding in the future.





## COVID VACCINATION POP-UP – 21 MAY 2022



### Save the Date



#### COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>/booster and 4<sup>th</sup> /winter booster for children/adults who are eligible

**WHERE:** Kangaroo Flat Community House - 21 Woolcock Avenue,  
KANGAROO FLAT

**WHEN:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May - 5-11 years old & 12-year-old and over-adults

**TIME:** 11am - 3pm – Walk ins only - no appointment necessary

**THIS IS THE LAST TIME-** Bendigo Community Health Services and Bendigo Health will be at Kangaroo Flat Community House for Pop-Up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic.

Please bring your Medicare Card and Personal Identification (I.D) such as, Licence, Health Care Card, or Concession Card, if having a vaccination. Bendigo Health nursing staff are available to answer any of your questions about COVID-19 or the vaccination

If you are unsure when your next COVID-19 vaccination is due, please visit on the day and Bendigo Health can check your eligibility and help make a booking for you at their Hub

ACN: 136 467 715

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS



### THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR ALL OF YOUR KIND DONATIONS.

The great variety of donations are very valuable to our staff and students.

Currently, our 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform stock is running low, so if you have any uniform items your child has outgrown, which are in good condition and which you'd like to pass on, please feel free to drop them off in the office.

Thank You!





## PARENT PAYMENT POLICY 2022 & PAYMENT PLAN REQUEST

November 2021

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 2022.

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"> <li>General Classroom Needs including paper, pencils, class texts</li> <li>Food Technology: food, cooking, sensory needs, food sensitivity, daily living skills, increasing diet range</li> <li>STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) and Music: classroom supplies and resources including instruments and digital technologies</li> <li>Therapy: equipment needs may include specialised eating utensils, daily living modifications</li> <li>Swimming / Hydrotherapy: swimming program equipment, resources</li> <li>Bike Education: bikes, helmets</li> <li>Community Access: local excursion transport costs, public transport costs</li> </ul>	\$ 170.00
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boardmaker (\$10.00)</li> <li>See Saw (\$10.00)</li> </ul>	\$ 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"> <li>International Day of People With A Disability (\$5.00)</li> <li>SWPBS Celebration Day (\$5.00)</li> </ul>	\$ 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	
<b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. (Suggested \$10)	\$
<b>Library fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. (Suggested \$10)	\$
<b>Total Amount (Suggested \$40)</b>	<b>\$</b>







### 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.		
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		\$

### 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)	\$
<b>Total (Suggested \$400)</b>	\$

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.





## MY TIME SUPPORT GROUP

My Time support groups are a support group for carers of children who have additional needs.

The support group is not for just a specific diagnosis but is open to carers who care for any child with additional needs.

This group provides a supportive space for parents and carers to feel understood and share ideas about managing a range of situations.



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MyTime groups are for parents and carers of a child with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition.

A **FREE** service where you can socialise and share ideas with others who understand caring for a child with additional needs.

It's your time to catch up with other parents/carers in a relaxed setting. Play helpers are there to keep your children busy and active. Siblings under 6 are welcome.

### What will you get out of my time?

Assistance

Community

Shared  
Experiences

Friendship

Connections

**Every Friday from 9.30am – 11.30am**

#### LOCATION

Long Gully  
Family Hub  
14-38 Creeth  
St  
Long Gully

#### TERM DATES

May  
6th, 20th & 27th  
  
June  
3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

#### CONTACT

SARAH  
(group  
facilitator)  
  
Sarah.chignell  
@gmail.com





# Bendigo

## TERM PLAN

DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
6/5/22	Guest speaker - Louise MIND	Autumn colouring
20/5/22	Mothers Day - Self Care	Mothers Day craft
27/5/22	Coffee & Catch-up	What Autumn things can we find outside?
3/6/22	Guest - Informal chat about First Aid	Autumn Trees craft
10/6/22	Coffee & Catch-up	Let's play in the snow
17/6/22	Topic- Siblings	Snowflake Art
24/6/22	Let's chat: 'Source Kids Disability expo'	Painting snow pictures

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## CAMPS AUSTRALIA – PEOPLE OUTDOORS

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# CAMPS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY

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- Overnight Camps
- Weekend Camps
- School Holiday Camps

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



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## THE WIGGLES COMING TO BENDIGO

### The Wiggles: Super Hero Tour!

**4 shows on Tuesday 5th July**



#### Calling all superheroes...

The world's most popular children's entertainment band, The Wiggles are flying onto the Capital stage in July with their brand-new action-packed Superhero Tour!

Anthony, Tsehay, Lachy and Simon are super excited to once again sing, dance and play music for their fans, and will be bringing along their Wiggly friends too! Dorothy the Dinosaur, Captain Feathersword, Wags the Dog, Henry the Octopus, Shirley Shawn the Unicorn are coming along for the fun PLUS special appearances by Caterina Wiggle and John Wiggle from the Fruit Salad TV Wiggles series!

The Wiggles Superhero Tour will feature all your favourite Wiggles songs such as 'Do the Propeller!', 'Hot Potato' and 'Rock-a- Bye Your Bear', as well as new and catchy tunes such as Dippy Do Dinosaur Dance! It's time to sing and dance to your favourite Wiggles tunes both old and new!

The Wiggles Superhero Tour! is on sale now... but you better be quick, tickets will sell like hot potatoes!

**4 show times on Tuesday 5th July 2022: 10:00am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm and 4:30pm.**

#### **\*Things to note:**

Children over 12 months of age require a paid ticket.

You can purchase a maximum of 10 tickets online in one transaction







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## KANGAROO FLAT MARKET



**#supportlocal**

**Don't miss it**

*You'll find a Little Bit of Everything at*

**KANGAROO FLAT**

**MARKET**

**Saturday 28th May**

**from 8am – 1pm**

**@ Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church**  
*High Street (opposite ALDI)*

<b>Market Stalls:</b>	Trash & Treasure; s/h furniture; h/hold items;
<b>Car Boot Sales:</b>	also, Tools; Books; Clothing; Plants; Toys; Craft;
<b>HUGE GARAGE Sale:</b>	and Produce; Jams; Cakes, Slices & much more.
<b>Refreshments:</b>	<i>Sausage Sizzle; Devonshire Teas; Soft Drinks</i>
<b>Live Music:</b>	<i>from 9:30 with local singer Peter Sheahan</i>

**COVID-SAFE PRACTICES WILL BE FOLLOWED**

For site bookings please contact MAX: 5443 1809 / [blume\\_m@bigpond.com](mailto:blume_m@bigpond.com)

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*See You*  
**Monday**

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