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**Bendigo Special Developmental School**
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**Term Dates 2016**

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**Important Dates**

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- Queen’s Birthday – No School
- Prep Information Evening 7pm staffroom
- School Council Meeting 7pm staffroom
- Student Achievement Conferences
- Early Finish 2pm

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Welcome to Caden S and his family to Bendigo SDS. We hope you enjoy getting to know the staff, students and routines this term Caden.

**School Council Parent Member - Open**

Do you want to know more about the school and how it operates? Well…we have just the position for you. School Council is in need of one parent representative to join the team. If you have an interest in being on School Council and would consider nominating yourself, please contact Marg or myself for the form that will secure a tremendous opportunity for you.

School Council meet monthly on the third Monday throughout the year, from 7.00 – 8.30pm.

**Prep Information Evening – Tuesday 14 June In The Staffroom at 7.00pm**

Do you know of any families that may need us? The Prep Information Evening provides an opportunity for parents to tour our school, ask questions and find out a little about how our school develops programs for the students. Please let people you know in the community, that the evening will take place as mentioned above.

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Individual Education Plans / Reports
The end of the term is approaching very quickly. It is time to assess our students and their stages of development, and the great skills they have been working on across this semester. I have really enjoyed reading each and every Individual Education Plan, and the Mid-Year Reports which document our students’ successes and efforts towards achieving their learning goals. Well done to the students and staff. I look forward to being a part of the celebrations for this term in the coming days.

School Council Award for Excellence
The School Council has endorsed an annual award which is known as the:

‘Bendigo Special Developmental School School Council Award for Excellence’

This award is available to all members of the community – staff, parents or community members who have made a significant contribution to our school or students in any of the areas of: Dedication to Students, Generosity of Spirit, and Passionate Endeavour.

This prestigious award will provide a means of acknowledging and thanking those who have made such a significant contribution.

Nominations for this award are being called for now. Please contact the office for the appropriate form.

Early Finish Notification
Notification that school will finish at 2.00pm on the last day of Term Two being Friday 24th June 2016. Bus PM departure from SDS will be one hour earlier than normal.

Bendigo SDS is committed to developing independence in our students through installing respect and honesty. In a safe, positive and supportive environment we encourage our students to be their best!

Bendigo Special Developmental School has an ‘Open Door’ policy, whereby parents are welcome to call in or book a time / appointment via the student diary, calling the office on 54473267 or our communication app, tiqbiz.

Julie Hommelhoff
Principal
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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT AWARDS

The following awards will be presented at assembly on Friday 17th June …

Room 4         Georgia T       for being your best on the bus 😊
Room 4         Felix H          working hard on his daily therapy. Awesome work!
Room 4         William W        a great job in using his ‘new’ standing frame every day. Great work!
Room 4         Caden S          great job in settling into Room 4, with a big smile everyday!
Room 5         Ruby G           for being your best on the bus 😊
Room 5         Jesse H          for being your best on the bus 😊
Room 5         Shaman L-B       for being your best on the bus 😊
Room 5         Zeathen L         for showing respect to his friends in Room 5 and out in the playground 😊
Room 5         Jesse H          for your positive attitude and following directions 😊
Room 7         Alba S           for being your best on the bus 😊
Room 12        Taylah M         for being your best on the bus 😊
Room 14        Jesse M          for always lending a helping hand to the Room 13 girls 😊
Room 16        Karly H          for being your best on the bus 😊
Room 18        Laura M          for being your best on the bus 😊

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STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

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STAFF BIRTHDAYS

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Thought for the week

Don’t count the days,

Make each day count.

Muhammed Ali

Jacqui Righetti
Assistant Principal

Bus Contact Phone Numbers

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<td>0427 287 843</td>
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<td>0428 159 660</td>
<td>Peter and Cynthia</td>
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<td>0428 261 802</td>
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<td>Malmsbury</td>
<td>0428 271 824</td>
<td>Bevan and Raelene</td>
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<td>Kyneton</td>
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<td>Leigh and Helen</td>
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Do you have the above assistance cards - Access Travel Pass, Companion Card and Carer Card? We have application forms in the School Office. Our Health Professionals, Hamish (Occupational Therapist) and Xiao (Speech Therapist) are willing and able to support you with the endorsement of forms if necessary.
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‘Special Thank You’ to Uniting Threads for their generous donation of two beautiful patchwork quilts to our school. These beautiful quilts will be used towards fundraising for the school as a raffle. Your donation is greatly appreciated by the students, staff and whole school community.

Hi All

We are holding an NDIS Information Session in partnership with the Heathcote Community House, Heathcote Primary School and Holy Rosary Primary School on Thursday 30th June. This is a session for Parents, Carers and people living with a disability. Could you please pass on this information to clients and/or families that may reside in Heathcote and surrounding areas.

Regards

Jackie Dacey
NDIS Advocate
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Interchange 5441 1599

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HOME / SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS FORTNIGHT

Be involved in your child’s school.......... 

- Have you checked out our Website or better still, made it your homepage?
- For Better or Worse tell us first if you have a concern. Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal on 54473267 or ask for DET’s Parent Complaints - General Information Brochure, which is available at the school office in reception for all parents/carers to access.
- The Parent Information Manual 2016: Please refer to this for important information, dates, policies and school procedures.
- School Banking every Wednesday.
- Student Absence: Please contact the office asap if your child is away from school on 54473267 or via tiqbiz.
- Whole School Assembly Monday and Friday mornings 9.30am. Parents/Carers are very welcome to attend.
- Parents and Friends / New Families - come for a cuppa! Fortnightly on a Friday morning.
- Keep the school up to date with your contact details. This is a very important safety issue.
- Are you moving? Please notify the office to assist with planning.

SCHOOL INFORMATION APP

Have you signed up for the School App? We are using an app to communicate with you. You’ll be notified of our news, newsletter, messages, special events and other communications.

1. **ABSENCES:** You can notify the school via the tiqbiz App if your child is going to be absent from school.
2. **PERMISSION FORMS:** You can give permission for your child to attend and excursion/outing via the tiqbiz App.
3. **CANTEEN ORDERS:** Canteen lists are also on the tiqbiz App; then you can send your order through and pay via the QKR icon on the tiqbiz App.
4. **PARENT PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL:** You can let us know if you are coming to an event at School via the tiqbiz App e.g. International Day of People With a Disability, Christmas Basket Tea etc.
5. **CHANGE OF DETAILS:** Have your details changed? Phone numbers, address, emergency contacts? You can now also update these on the tiqbiz App.

The first step is to download tiqbiz to your phone, tablet or computer……or all of them from the App Store. Search for: tiqbiz. Please feel free to contact the school office if you have any further enquiries or need assistance getting set up, we are here to help!
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Essential Education Items 2016 - Payment Options

- QKR School Finance App.
- BPay (as on your family statement).
- Internet Banking (direct credit to the school bank account as per bank account details on your statement). If you are paying your Essential Education Items directly into the School’s Bank Account, via Internet Banking Pay Anyone, it is VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU IDENTIFY WHOM THE PAYMENT IS FROM - please make sure that you put the Family ID or the Student ID in the DESCRIPTION line.
- Eftpos (eftpos machine at reception).
- Centrepay - this is a free service for Centrelink customers to pay expenses as regular deductions from their Centrelink payments. Deductions can be started, changed or cancelled at any time to suit the family's circumstances. Please request a form from the Office.
- Payment Plan - please contact the office if you wish to set up a Payment Plan.

We do appreciate the number of families whom have paid fees already.

Introducing our new SCHOOL FINANCE APP for School Payments – QKR by MasterCard, pronounced ‘QUCKER’

Families can make school payments and canteen orders on the App

- It will save you time by letting you pay for Essential Education Items directly from your phone
- It will save you time by letting you order and pay for school items directly from your phone
- Reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school

Please contact the office for a copy of the ‘getting started’ sheet. This explains how to download the App to your mobile phone.

Families can start making school payments immediately and place canteen orders. You can save time and order ahead as well.

All canteen orders must be in by every Wednesday 4.00pm if you are ordering via the App

If you already have our School Information App tiqbiz on your phone, you will now see a shopping trolley on the whole school menu – this interfaces with QKR and you can download the QKR App / go directly into QKR from here also.

EFPTOS MACHINE
We have our Eftpos machine up running in reception now, making it more convenient for family payments.

CENTREPAY
Our Centrepay registration with Human Services enables family payments to be deducted directly from Centrelink payments.
Please contact the office for an application form.

BPAY is also available for making payments. Details are on all Family Statements.

Internet Banking is also available for families to make Payments. Our bank account details are on all Family Statements.

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Contact Us:

Principal:
Julie Hommelhoff

Assistant Principal:
Jacqui Righetti

Business Manager:
Margaret Butler

Contract Bus Coordinator:
Jacqui Righetti

Leading Teachers:
Student Voice & Wellbeing
Barb Johnstone

Transition & Coaching
Rosie Critchley

Information Communication Technology
Jenny Annett

Curriculum & Data Collection
Angie Bysouth

Specialist Coordinator
(Health & PE, Art and Sensory):
Andrew Brown

Early Year’s Coordinator:
Krystal Downing

Middle Year’s Coordinator:
Matthew Higgins/Kim Giles

Later Year’s Coordinator:
Amanda Bourdon/Kirsty Phillips

Occupational Therapist:
Hamish Morcom

Speech Therapist:
Xiao Zhang

Physiotherapist:
Megan Turton

Before & After School Program
information:
Angela Whalen
Phone: 0407 844 090

School Council President:
Brett Scholes

Parent Club:
Please contact the office

RDA Coordinator:
Julie Hommelhoff

Department of Human Services:
Phone: 5434 5555

Bendigo Community Health Services:
Phone: 5430 0500

Interchange Respite Care
Phone: 5441 1599

St Luke’s
Phone: 5440 1100

Homestyle Respite
Phone: 5441 3537

Newsletter: E-mail Registration – Please Return Form to School Office

Your Name: ………………………………………………………………………

Students Name: ………………………………………………………………

Students Room No: ……………

E-mail Address that you would like us to E-mail the newsletter to:

‘Find A Carer’

Find A Carer at www.findacarer.com.au is a website which connects carers and children with special needs, people with a disability and the elderly.

Web: www.findacarer.com.au
Email: info@findacarer.com.au

Parents and Friends Group / New Families

Our Parents (and Friends) gather once a fortnight to have a chat and a cuppa. Pre School children / babies, are most welcome to join in the fun! The meetings are held in the school staff room straight after school drop off. So why not come along and join us for a cuppa!

National Disability Insurance Scheme

We are pleased to announce that Jackie Dacey commenced work as an NDIS Advocate with Interchange Loddon Mallee last month. Jackie has worked in the community sector for almost 20 years. Her role as NDIS Advocate (funded by the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust) is directed at informing, building capacity & resourcing existing and potential new clients of Interchange Loddon Mallee about the NDIS due to be implemented in the Loddon region (including Greater Bendigo, Campaspe, Macedon Ranges, Mt Alexander, Central Goldfields & Loddon) from 1 May 2017. The Mallee region will be rolled out from 1 January 2019.

The NDIS is a new way of providing support for people living with a disability. It has a strong focus on clients exercising choice and control over what services and supports they receive.

In order to effectively exercise choice and control clients and their families need sound self-advocacy skills. Jackie’s role is directed at assisting clients to further develop these skills in the context of the NDIS environment.

Initially the focus will be on clients in the Loddon region due to the earlier roll-out date in that region. Jackie will be contacting clients soon.

Her contact details at Interchange Loddon Mallee are: Phone 03 5441 1599 or Email: jackie.dacey@interchangelm.org.au
Central Victorian Pathways
Network for Students with a Disability

presents

Career Expo

The session focuses on options and supports that are available to students with a disability who are transitioning from school, featuring a structured presentation and time with stall holders who can answer specific questions

Who for:

• Parents/carers of students with disabilities or learning difficulties and other interested community members

• Including NDIS coming in 2017 with Interreach

The format of the session is planned to be:

2:00pm Light refreshments on arrival
2:15pm presentation inside theatre
2:30—5:00pm opportunity for participants to visit stall holders and ask questions

Tuesday August 2nd, 2016
2.00 to 5.30 p.m.  Free Event

AT: Ulumbarra Theatre

To register use Eventbrite

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Friday Canteen Order

Name: _________________________
Room Number: ________________

We are having a special lunch order for the last day of term.
Students can choose to have 1 or 2 hotdogs with 1 juice box.

1 Hot Dog and Juice box

Tomato Sauce □ Mustard □ $4.00

2 Hot Dogs and Juice box

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