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Bendigo Special Developmental School

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ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Hello SDS community,

Term 3 is now most certainly underway and the students and teachers are settling down into a great time of the year for learning. The Olympics theme is going strong, which fits in perfectly with our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) focus of Be Your Best. I am definitely seeing lots of students doing great work being their best in the classroom and have had the great opportunity since starting my Acting role here to talk with teachers about the learning experiences they provide in the classroom to help every student achieve their best work.

William Watson

Once again we extend our deepest sympathies to Natalie, Brian and Hamish on the passing of William – Will. In this edition of the newsletter, we have included the beautiful tribute written by staff members who worked closely with Will that was read by Rosie Critchley at his funeral. There have been many message of support and sympathy from the SDS community for the family, and I know that they have appreciated greatly your thoughts, care and concern.

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School Review

Thank you everyone who has been contacted by a school council member with some survey questions and provided feedback for our School Review process. The thoughts, feelings and ideas of our families is a vital component of our identity as a school and help us to identify what our priorities need to be for the future. This information is still being collected so if you haven’t received a phone call yet, you still might. And if you haven’t received a phone call and would like to give feedback, please do not hesitate to contact the school for a copy of the survey.

Olympics Day

The big opening ceremony is just around the corner and to join in the festivities, SDS will be holding our Olympics Day on Wednesday 10th August. All members of the school community are invite to attend and cheer on the students as they participate in the events. I have seen some great flags being made in classrooms to represent a large range of countries and I am sure that there will be just as much colour and movement here at SDS as on display in Rio.

Rotary – Bendigo Great Big Book of Bargains

We have been lucky enough to have a large number of Bendigo Great Big Book of Bargains donated from the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat. These books are full of vouchers that give you discount or two for one or free goods and services in the Bendigo area. Many of the vouchers expire on 30th September 2016 but there are many bargains and experiences to be had. If you would like one of these books, please contact the school or put a note in the diary and we will send one home with your child.

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!

My door is always open. Simply call in or phone and if I cannot talk with you immediately, I will make sure I get back to you as soon as possible.

Kirshy McAinch
Acting Principal
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ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Someday, everything will make perfect sense. So for now, laugh at the confusion, smile through the tears, and keep reminding yourself that everything happens for a reason.

It’s been a tough two weeks for our school community as we said our farewells to gorgeous William from Room 4. We send all our love and support to Natalie, Brian and Hamish at this difficult time.

Olympics

Next Friday is the start of the Olympics- and I really love watching the Olympics. I enjoy yelling at the television for the green and gold. Olympians work tirelessly to get on top of the Olympic podium, but if they don’t, it’s a long four year journey to get another chance. Spectators and athletes love that intensity and that pressure. But mostly I love the unique stories that the different competitors bring to the Olympics.

I am also looking forward to our own mini Olympics on Wednesday 10th August – it’s such a fun day and I really look forward to seeing lots of family and friends at the marathon and medal presentation. It’s certainly going to be a fun day!

NDIS

It’s time to start planning for the NDIS and ensure that all families are ready for this change. It was great to have Jackie Dacey present at our school in May and Jackie is planning to visit again during Term 3 to further assist our families. I will send out a flyer next week with all the details but Jackie will be available for a group session as well as a 1:1 session to assist families in starting their journeys.

I found this great resource on ‘My NDIS Pathway’ – a guide to becoming an NDIS Participant. This is an easy to read guide to learn about the NDIS and how people with a disability can become a participant of the scheme.


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### STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

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### Buses

If you have any concerns or would like to make any changes to the buses, please let me know.

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**STUDENT AWARDS**

The following awards will be presented at assembly on Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} August …

- **Rocco A** for independently writing his first name. Well Done!!
- **Joshua K** for following his individual schedule each afternoon.
- **Zeathen L** for achieving your goal of using ‘I want’ and ‘please’ to make requests.
- **Shaman L-B** for your consistent efforts towards building your vocabulary.
- **Charlie H** ‘Being your Best’ by doing great table work.
- **Ryan M** ‘Being your Best’ for listening to your teachers and getting off the swing when asked.
- **Brendan SL** ‘Being your Best’ by working hard all day to get 10 stickers on your reward chart.
- **Sophia C** ‘Being your Best’ by trying hard to make good choices to get stickers for your reward chart.
- **Lachlan B-S** ‘Being your Best’ by initiating a game of chasey with Rocco.
- **Jack B** for helping to set up for Zumba and encouraging others to join in. Well done!!
- **Judah S-C** for enthusiastic participation in Zumba and having a go! Well done!!

Thanks everyone for being so welcoming and helpful during my transition into this new role.

**Rosie Critchley**
Acting Assistant Principal

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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!

Second Hand Uniform:

Second Hand Uniforms are available from the school. If you would like to purchase an item please put a gold coin donation into an envelope. Please write your name and order on the front of the envelope (and your child’s name). If you have any enquiries, please contact the office.

For purchase of New School Uniform – please see Centavic Clothing
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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.

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

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

**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.*

**EFTPOS MACHINE**

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

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

**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.

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

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**Help Lines:**

- Nurse - on call 1300 606 024
- Lifeline Phone: 131 114
- Parentline:

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**CONTACT US:**

- Acting Principal: Kirshy McAinch
- Acting Assistant Principal: Rosie Critchley
- Business Manager: Margaret Butler
- Contract Bus Coordinator: Rosie Critchley
- Leading Teachers: Barb Johnstone
- Transition & Coaching: Mick Ring
- 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

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**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

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**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:

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**‘Find A Carer’**

Find A Carer at [www.findacarer.com.au](http://www.findacarer.com.au) is a website which connects carers and children with special needs, people with a disability and the elderly.


Email: info@findacarer.com.au

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**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
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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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Parents & Friends Group will meet in the staffroom after school drop-off, on the following Friday mornings, Term 3:

5th & 19th August;
& 2nd September

THANK YOU . . . .

Phyllis of BUPA Nursing Home for your kind donation of $20.00 to our school. It was greatly appreciated by the students, staff and whole school community.

Trish of Bendigo New Vogue English Sequence Dance Group Thank you for your generous donation of $1000.00 to our school. It was greatly appreciated by the students, staff and whole school community.

Parent Opinion Survey

Recently a random selection of families received our 2016 Parent Opinion Survey. Each year the school conducts an opinion survey and we use the information to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement. The survey is designed to take no more than 20 minutes to complete and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be. All responses are completely confidential.

Please return completed surveys to the school by Monday 1st August.

Thank you
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Footy Colours Day 2016
Friday 2nd September

It’s that time of year to once again show your support for the Fight Cancer Foundation and dress up in your footy team colours.
Stay tuned for more information.

Upcoming NDIS Information Sessions for Individuals with a disability, parents and carers

Bendigo NDIS Session focusses on Early Childhood – 0-8’s in partnership with Noahs Ark – Bendigo Library Saturday 30th July 11:00am

Castlemaine NDIS Session – in partnership with Bendigo Health - Carer Support 18th August – 10:00am- 12:30pm 65 Templeton St, Castlemaine

Heathcote NDIS Session – in partnership with Heathcote Community House & Connections Network & Bendigo Health - Carer Support 22nd August – 10:00am- 12:30pm

Maryborough NDIS Session – in partnership with Maryborough Community House & Bendigo Health - Carer Support 25th August 12:30 – 3:00pm @ Lions club Hall Golden Wattle Drive
“Cuppa Time”

“Come have a chat, have a cuppa, Let’s get to know one another’.

All Women Welcome

‘All cultures, all ages, From all life’s stages’.

WHERE: Eaglehawk Community House
Bright Street Eaglehawk

WHEN: 9.30-11.30 Thursday

Childcare available  Gold coin donation

For more information please phone Kylie McMahon on 0434577060

“Our Culture Our Pride”

Celebrate Our Countries  Rich Culture & People

Express Through Art

WHERE: McClarence Street, ‘Art Shed’

WHEN: 2- 5pm Thursdays  (School term dates apply)

For more information please phone Kylie on 0434577060