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**Term Dates 2016**

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**ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Hello SDS Community

**Olympics Day**

What a great turn out we had for the Olympics Event that was held this Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many parents, caregivers, friends and family come along and join in the parade of nations and then the marathon events. We know the students enjoyed the day immensely too and it is a great culmination of the work that has been going on in classrooms learning about different countries, sports and our own goals of being our best. Thank you to the curriculum committee for organising such a great event, and we look forward to sharing the next big event day with you.

Which leads me to...

**Footy Day**

It is still a few weeks off, but put down Friday 2nd September down in your diaries now to join us in celebrating Footy Day. This year, we will be supporting a charity that has helped one of our own staff members; our brilliant physiotherapist Meagan. Checkout the article on page 9 which gives a full run down of the details of the day. I look forward to seeing you here that day – GO SWANNIES!!
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Victorian Curriculum

As of 2017, all schools across Victoria, including all government, independent and Catholic schools are required to teach the Victorian Curriculum. Special schools are no exception to this and as such, the Leadership Team have been spending time planning how we will implement the Curriculum across Bendigo SDS next year. The great thing about the Victorian Curriculum is that it is the only Curriculum in Australia that caters for the abilities and learning requirements of all students, regardless of their developmental profile. This is due to the fantastic work by the Principals Association of Special Schools (PASS) of Victoria leading the way in ensuring that all students are included in teaching and learning. These changes might mean that you see a few different subject areas on your child’s report next year, like “Personal and Social Capabilities”. Teacher will be spending some time learning about and planning for this new curriculum in their meeting times and we look forward to working with you all in Student Achievement Conferences to talk about how your child’s learning will best be supported by the Victorian Curriculum.

Which leads me to...

Pupil Free Day – 19th August

Students will not attend on Friday 19th August, as staff are having a series of professional development sessions centred on the development of their teaching practice and planning. Please make other arrangements for your child.

Drop off car parks

Just a friendly reminder that the car parks that are just near the bus bay are designed to be a quick drop off point for students. This is so that students who have difficulty transitioning into school can gain quick access to the safe surrounds of the school perimeter. If you would like to stop and chat with our parents for a period of time at drop off or pick up time, can you please park in the street. Thank you for your understanding.

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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It’s been a busy two weeks at school with lots of things happening including our Olympic Day on Wednesday. Well done to Angie and the Curriculum Team for an amazing day- I loved the Opening ceremony with all the students carrying their flags and many dressed up for the day to the marathon events where we saw students and staff become very competitive!!

I really enjoy our whole school incursion days and I’m looking forward to Footy Day in September. Go Adelaide Crows!!

Work Experience
On Monday night I had the privilege of visiting Thomas Coverdale at McDonalds White Hills who is completing work experience. Thomas has been learning how to complete dining room duties including sweeping, mopping, wiping tables and cleaning windows. Great work Thomas and Jack (duty manager) has enjoyed having Thomas for work experience as his dining room is always clean on Monday. If you are hungry on a Monday night pop in, and say a quick hello to Thomas between 5-7pm.

Word Mania
Congratulations to all students who are participating in Word Mania - Bendigo SDS is coming first in participation. I look forward to hearing more updates! Here is the link for any families wanting further information - https://www.wordmania.com.au/

Thought for the Week

"Positive thinking will let you do everything better than negative thinking will.” …….. Zig Ziglar

Rosie Critchley, Acting Assistant Principal
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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 19th August ...

Hayden S for being his best and working hard in our Church Gardening Program

Heath M for being a hard worker and providing support to students during the Canteen Program

Riley S for showing respect and waiting his turn during group games

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

19th August & 2nd September

THANK YOU . . . .

Rachel Byrne Thank you for your recent fundraiser and donation of $170.00 to our school. It was greatly appreciated by the students, staff and whole school community.

Energy Breakthrough Trivia Night

WHEN:    Friday 2nd September
WHERE:   Crusoe College —Dyson building
TIME:    7pm for a 7:30pm start
COST:    $10 per person
Tables of 8, to book please contact

Mr Al Sharp at Crusoe College—5447 7722

B.Y.O snacks and drinks
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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

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

Helen Macpherson Smith Trust
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Fight Cancer Foundation - A Personal Journey

This year I am especially excited that Bendigo SDS is supporting the Fight Cancer Foundation (FCF) through Footy Colours Day. This is because I now know first hand what amazing and vital support Fight Cancer Foundation provide. My son Ethan underwent a Bone Marrow Transplant at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne in January of this year. Through FCF my family was provided with accommodation at BMDI house in North Melbourne. We stayed there for four and a half months during Ethan's hospitalisation and initial recovery phase. The accommodation was beyond our expectations and without it I don't know what we would have done. It was walking distance from the hospital and had everything we needed to make a temporary home. We were so well supported by FCF staff and nothing was too much trouble. From loaning a car to borrowing cake tins to cook birthday cakes, there was always a friendly smile and desire to help make a really difficult time that little bit easier. I'd like to thank the Fight Cancer Foundation for all of their support in the past and going into the future. I am really happy that as a school we give them support so they can continue their wonderful work.

Megan Turton - Physiotherapist
Bendigo Special Developmental School

Footy Colours Day 2016

On Friday 2nd September students and staff are encouraged to participate in Footy Colours Day. It's a great opportunity for students and staff to dress up in their favourite football team colours, donate a gold coin to Fight Cancer Foundation and enjoy a day of footy activities. Families are also welcome to dress up and participate in the footy parade during session 1 in the Multi-purpose room. Footy Day lunch orders are available.
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“Copa 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: McLaren Street, ‘Art Shed’
WHEN: 2-5pm Thursdays (School term dates apply)
For more information please phone Kylie on 0434577060

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