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Term Dates 2016

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ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Hello SDS Community

Swan Hill Athletics Day

Congratulations to the team that went to the Athletics Day in Swan Hill yesterday. All of the students represented the school with pride and enthusiasm. Their behaviour and sportsmanship were living examples of Being Your Best and Showing Respect and the fact they were also crowned the overall winners in the Field Events Aggregate capped off what was a fabulous day. A special thanks to all the parents and carers who made sure their students were at school very early and the wonderful staff that put in so much work behind the scenes and on the day to make the event a success for every student.

Footy Colours Day

Well done to all for a wonderful celebration of the fun and friendly rivalry of Footy Colours Day whilst raising money for a very worthy cause. I thoroughly enjoyed the day, clapping and singing along to all the club songs and watching the students participate in a footy skills clinic. It was another great example of our school mantras in action.

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**SunSmart**

After a long winter and plenty of coughs and colds (and rain, which has been wonderful!) it’s time to bring out the hats to protect all students from UV as the sun begins to shine. All staff and students will be wearing their hats from here on in.

**End of term**

I would like to thank everyone for the welcoming way in which you have received me during my time here at Bendigo Special Developmental School. I have learnt much about the wonderful educators who make up the team here at SDS and have been inspired by the skills, knowledge, dedication and commitment of all to staff to provide the very best education for every child in this school. I am hopeful that in the future, I will be able to use my time here as a means of building greater educational opportunities between both Kalianna and SDS in terms of staff development, to be leaders in specialist education both in Bendigo and wider Victoria. Take care and have a wonderful holiday.

_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

Last Friday we all enjoyed our ‘Footy Colours Day’ celebrations with students and staff clad in their team colours. Students paraded to their favourite team’s club songs and participated in a variety of footy skills activities. As always, Jenny did a fantastic job organising the event, spreading her enthusiasm and passion for footy and, in particular, her team, the Magpies. The day was a great success.

Next term we will begin the process of updating students’ Medical Action Plans and Schoolcare Plans for 2017. This annual process is necessary in ensuring our health care information is up to date and that the appropriate staff are trained to assist with specialised medical care for individual students for the new school year.

As this is the last newsletter that I will be contributing to as Acting Assistant Principal, I would like to thank everyone for their patience and support in helping me in this role for the past 4 weeks. I’m sure Jacqui will be keen to get back to school after a term away. I would also like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable break from school over the coming school holidays. I know that there are a number of students and staff who will be making the most of the chance to rest and fully recover from the many colds and viruses that have been around over the Winter months.

Early Finish Reminder
Just a reminder that school finishes one hour earlier on the last day of term, being Friday 16th September.

STUDENT AWARDS

The following awards will be presented at assembly on Friday 16th September...

Ruby G. for following her visual schedule and listening to staff

Ashley O. for acting safely when travelling on the bus
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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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Thought for the week:

COURAGE

DOESN’T ALWAYS ROAR.
SOMETIMES COURAGE IS THE QUITE VOICE, AT THE END OF THE DAY SAYING,
“ I WILL TRY AGAIN TOMORROW.”
Be amazing........

Barb Johnstone, 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.

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For purchase of New School Uniform – please see Centavic Clothing

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.

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**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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<td>• 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.</td>
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<td>• Eftpos (eftpos machine at reception).</td>
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<td>• 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.</td>
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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.

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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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
Parents & Friends Group will meet in the staffroom after school drop-off, on the following Friday mornings, 16th September; 14th & 28th October; 11th & 25th November; 9th December

“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

Holiday activity

The JB Osborne Theatre at Crusoe College is hosting the acclaimed Melbourne City Ballet performance of Tink (based on the story of Peter Pan) on Saturday 24th September. The performance commences at 3:00pm and is aimed at children from ages 5 - 12. Tickets can be purchased on the door or bookings can be made online at www.melbournecityballet.com.au/seasons
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