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Jasmine Spark

With a smile that lit up the classroom and an eagerness to communicate with others, Jasmine came to school with enthusiasm and hope. As we bid you farewell ‘Jas’ we will remember you forever.

Rest in Peace and know that our thoughts go out to you and your family.
Welcome to the summer months. Remember to send hats and sunscreen (if needed) along for your child to school each day.

**Student Achievement Conferences – Wednesday 9th December**
Please remember the SAC time for you and your child. The conferences will provide you with the opportunity to view the portfolios, go through your child’s report for the Semester Two and to talk with teachers regarding any topics necessary. Students are only to attend at the designated interview time.

**Individual Education Plans / Reports**
All IEP’s / Reports will be posted home next week in preparation for the SAC Day. Please bring the report to the interview.

**Staffing and Classroom Placements for 2016**
I am aiming to disseminate staffing and student placements for 2016 in the second last last week of school. Organisation in regard to this is beginning to take shape currently; however, the process is incomplete. I will update families as soon as possible.

The **RDA Breakup** treated our students to another fantastic RDA day at the Mandurang Pony Club Grounds on Wednesday 2 December. The many regular volunteers provided lunch, music, fire truck rides and sheer fun for the students. Thank you to the many volunteers for organising yet another successful year of RDA for our school.

**Christmas Basket Tea**
**When:** Thursday 10 December  
**Where:** Main Yard at Bendigo Special Developmental School  
**Time:** 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

There will be:
- Live music by some very talented staff members;
- A dance performance from e.motion21 of which many of our students take part in. Students are so excited to be dancing for you;
- A Sausage Sizzle will be available along with cordial for all families if you wish to participate or:
- BYO all food and drink for the night as the ‘Basket Tea’ is your choice of dining.
- Santa will be there to hear all the wishes of the children attending. Lolly bags will be offered. Photos with Santa can be ordered for a cost of $5.

HOPE TO SEE MANY FAMILIES COME to celebrate the end of another busy year.

**Graduating Students**
The students graduating from Bendigo SDS will attend a special Graduation dinner on Monday 14 December at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club. It is always such an emotional time for students, staff and families as we say goodbye and best of luck for the future. The families involved this year are: Josh B, Adam C, Liam C, Shane C, Allan J, Jake L, Nicolas M, Billie B, Karla R, Jacqui V and of course Josh F who has made his way to another town already.
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Enrolment forms – Preps 2016
Please return completed enrolment pack forms to the office ASAP. Thank you.

Notification
Notification that school will finish at normal time the last day of school – Thursday 17 December 2015. Buses will depart SDS at normal time, and parents/carers who collect their children from school, will be able to pick up students at this time.

Julie Hommelhoff
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

One thing about the end of a year is that it provides you with a reason to reflect. Reflection can be a time to think about how we could have done things a little differently, or how we could enhance something that is already working well. As educators our purpose is to continually improve our practice so that student learning outcomes also improve. This purpose can propel innovation, and that is why next year we are putting in place some exciting changes that will see staff working more collaboratively for the purpose of ensuring that student learning goals, established by parents, students and teachers, are consistent when required or responsive to change when needed.

Next year, teachers will be working in teams of three for planning and ‘instructional coaching’. What does this mean exactly? It means whether your child is in Early, Middle or Later Years they will be taught by a teacher who has the support of two other teachers for planning rich learning experiences, reflecting on assessment and reporting, and improving explicit teaching practices. The support of three teachers working alongside each other also may open up the possibilities for various co-teaching strategies, which we feel will really boost effective teaching instruction. Instructional coaching means that each and every teacher will have the opportunity to be observed, to be provided with constructive feedback, and to conduct observations of a peer, all for the purpose of improving explicit teaching practice of positive behaviour support.

Next year, it has been decided that each learning area (Early, Middle, Later & Specialists) will have a clear focus: Early Years will have a focus of Picture Exchange Communication System (and other Augmentative & Alternate Communication) and sensory profiles. Middle Years, will focus on ‘Effectively engaging with others’, Later Years; work, leisure and community involvement and the Specialist Team will focus on a ‘Quality of Life Framework’. As next year unfolds, more information will be provided to you. Julie or myself, are of course available to you at any time, should you have any questions.

In closing (for the second last newsletter for the year), being under the cloud of an investigation has caused a disruption, but academics such as Slee and Fullen would argue that with disruption comes effective change. Staff of Bendigo SDS have made a conscious choice for continual improvement in teaching practice. Alongside our continued commitment to grow organically with School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SW-PBS), 2016 promises to be a most exciting and productive year!

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Congratulations Ryan P! SW-PBS Parent Rep- Award

Those of you who were able to attend our Christmas Spectacular, Ryan P was the lucky winner of the Parent Representatives Award. Ryan was eligible for this award, because his teacher Narelle felt that Ryan had demonstrated throughout the year that he had shown effort in displaying our three most important behaviour expectations across our school environments. Congratulations Ryan, you have acted safely, shown respect and have been your best consistently this year. Your prize, a wonderfully meaningful rewards chart!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our PBS parent representatives. Lead by Natalie B, Leah T and Angela W have adopted the PBS initiative and have shown community spirit by often giving up their times to attend meetings or meet with fellow parents. In particular, I would like to take this opportunity to thank sincerely Natalie, who has given up many of her Monday’s to sit down and chat with parents about how they can integrate PBS initiatives into home routines. Natalie earlier this year was a most deserving winner of the Bendigo Special Developmental School School Council Award. Congratulations Natalie on a tremendous year of dedication to your school.

Buses 2016
It’s time- ‘Don’t miss the bus!’- If you are moving and will need to access a different bus, or if you are thinking you would like to find out more about the bus for next year, please contact Jacqui ASAP.

Student Awards
No student awards for assembly on Monday.

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Thought for the week
Once you realize how valuable you are, you will find it hard to keep the company of those who do not.

Brian G. Jett

Jacqui Righetti
Assistant Principal

Hello everyone,

I would like to thank our Whole School Community as recently I received the School Council Award for Excellence 2015. I feel very honoured and proud to be a part of BSDS PBS Team. Our School is a place where our children will learn, develop independence, achieve their own individual planned goals and make friends along the way. BSDS is a setting where families can unite by sharing ideas, achievements and support one another over a cuppa.

PBS PR Prize Giveaway.
As a prize for one lucky student we are giving away a Daily Routine & Chores Sticker Chart. The objective of this is to encourage independence & reward Positive Behaviour. We welcome any PBS home ideas. You can send in your PBS home ideas by email or via student’s diary.

Also if Parents/Carers/Families/Grandparents feel they need to give themselves a little extra care, call “Crusoeden Body Wellness” for a FREE one on one Yoga session. You will be surprised what Yoga can do for you!! PH: 5435 3692 or visit their website http://www.crusedenbody.come.au/yoga/

I am available Monday’s during and after assembly if you need to chat about anything PBS. You can leave a message or email and I will do my best to get back to you as soon as I can on PH: 5447 3267 or Email: Bendigo.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au

Natalie
Angela & Leah
BSDS PBS Parent Representatives

Community News...

- Catholic Care Sandhurst:
  - For Information on the below programs phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300
    - Bringing up Great Kids Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18 November & 2nd, 9th December
  - For Information on the below programs phone Kate Kerlin on 5438 1300
    - Keeping Kids in Mind Five Sessions, Thursdays 12th November – 10th December
- Noah’s Ark / Catholic Care Sandhurst
  - Bringing up Great Kids Six Sessions Wednesdays 4th November – 9th December.
  For information phone Holly Grainger on 5407 1520
- CALMA (Carers at Large Mount Alexander). CALMA is a support group in the Mount Alexander Shire for parents and carers with children who have: autism spectrum disorder/developmental delay/sensory processing disorder/attention deficit disorder. Meetings to come are on Tuesday 17th November & Tuesday 8th December 10am-12pm. For more information contact Karen Evennett on 0421 841 129 or Karen.evennett@gmail.com
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Christmas Raffle

As you should all be aware, the fundraising team are holding a Christmas raffle this year. All proceeds will go directly to the students, as we will use the money raised from the raffle to plan a special Christmas event for all to enjoy at the end of the term! So please dig deep for what will be a spectacular event which your child will directly benefit from. Tickets were sent home last week, although if you need more please contact the front office. All tickets and money must be returned to school by Friday the 4th of December and the raffle will be drawn at assembly on Monday the 7th of December.

As an added incentive to the person who sells the winning ticket we have an amazing prize of 6 bottles of wine from Armstead Vineyard, Heathcote!! Good Luck! The family who sells the most tickets will receive $500 cash!!!

First Prize will be a Wheelbarrow of FUN.

A brand new wheelbarrow will be filled to the brim with great prizes, with something for everyone in the family to enjoy, including gardening products and beauty products, things for the kids etc. etc.! All your Christmas presents will be covered! This prize is valued at an excess of $1000-

A second and third prize will also be offered.

For sale…

Child’s purple manual wheelchair with cushion, neck support and tray.

In good condition.

Please phone Debbie on 0414995925.”

2/1 Whip Court Long Gully Vic 3550
sales@centavicclothing.com.au
P. 03 5441 7555
ABN: 74 034 981 924

Christmas & Holidays Trading Times/Placing Orders

We are currently taking orders/selling uniforms for the 2016 year. To guarantee you receive everything you need before the start of term, we encourage you to call/email or come in & see us by January 15th.

Centavic Clothing will be closing at 5pm on 21st December 2015 & re-opening at 8am on 11th January 2016. On the 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th of January we will be open for school uniform sales only between 10am & 2pm.

We wish you a safe & happy holidays.
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**Uniform Pricelist**

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**Price list effective as of 1st Nov 2015**

**Trading Hours:**

*Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm*
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CONTACT US:
Principal: Julie Hommelhoff;
Assistant Principal: Jacqui Righetti;
Business Manager: Margaret Butler;
Reception: Karen Pratt / Jodie Appleby;
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): Chris Novak;
Early Year’s Coordinator: Krystal Downing;
Middle Year’s Coordinator: Mick Ring;
Later Year’s Coordinator: Amanda Bourdon;
Before & After School Program information: Angela Whalen Ph: 0407 844 090;
School Council President: Brett Scholes;
Parent Club: Please contact the office;
RDA Coordinator: Julie Hommelhoff;
Help Lines: Nurse-on-call 1300 606 024;
   Lifeline Phone: 131 114;
   Parentline: Phone: 132 289;
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
Carers Support Services: 1800 068 978

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**BENDIGO SDS CHRISTMAS CARD SALE**

The fundraising team have been very busy in recent time’s hand making Christmas cards which are now available for purchase!! They are absolutely beautiful and will make the most precious gift for a loved one this Christmas. We hope that you and your loved one will appreciate that all of the proceeds from this purchase will go directly to your child’s education. So please get behind this fundraiser and buy some magnificent Christmas cards!! We are sure you will love them!

**Order Slip**

Name:

Child’s name and classroom:

Please send my order home with my child ____ I will collect my order from the school office ____

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Please return your order slip and money by as soon as possible, orders will ready within a week of placing your order.

Thank you for supporting Bendigo Special Developmental School!

I would like to take some to sell to my friends, family, colleagues etc. [ ]

Name:

Child’s name and classroom:

I would like to take _____ packets of cards to sell.

Please send the cards home with my child ____ I will collect the cards from the school office ____

Packets of five cards are sold for $10 each.

PLEASE NOTE: All money and unsold cards must be returned to school by Monday the 14th of December.

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