



# Bendigo Special Developmental School

*"A place of excellence in education that creates inclusive communities and success for all"*

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## Term Dates 2021

| Term 2 2021  | Term 3 2021  |
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| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June | 12 <sup>th</sup> July - 17 <sup>th</sup> September |

## Important Dates

|           |                       |   |
|-----------|-----------------------|---|
| Thursday  | 20 <sup>th</sup> May  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent to Parent 9 – 10.30am at SDS in the Meeting Room</li> </ul> |
| Wednesday | 26 <sup>th</sup> May  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vision and Values Launch</li> </ul>                                |
| Monday    | 31 <sup>st</sup> May  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly 9.20 am All Welcome</li> </ul>                            |
| Thursday  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> June  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Influenza Vaccinations</li> </ul>                          |
| Monday    | 14 <sup>th</sup> June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Queen's Birthday - NO SCHOOL</li> </ul>                            |

## Our Values



✦ Driving *learning* growth

✦ Uniting to achieve *excellence*

✦ Valuing *diversity* with kindness and respect

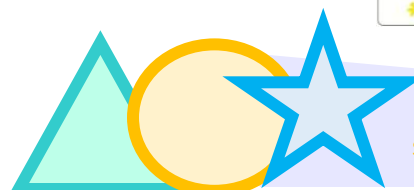
✦ Ensuring *equity* of opportunity



Bendigo Special Developmental School community respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pays its respects to the ongoing living cultures of Aboriginal peoples.



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS LEAD SCHOOL



SWPBS  
Act Safely  
Show Respect  
Be your Best



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **PUPIL FREE DAY - TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE**

The staff experienced a very successful day on Tuesday 11th May 2021 for our Pupil Free Day. We spent the day with the Senior Trainer for the Berry Street Education Model, Grace Langton, and her South Australian Counterpart, Cherrie (via the magic of video conferencing of course) who are both special educators with extensive experience in supporting young people who have experienced trauma.

As a staff we learnt that trauma comes in many shapes and forms, and that trauma is a form of the human experience; we all experience it at some time in our lives. We also learnt that incidents themselves are not considered the trauma, it is the way that we react to them that is considered trauma, and that these reactions are different for everyone.

The strategies that support students who may have been impacted by trauma were also discussed in detail, and it was very affirming to know that many of the strategies that are critical for developing a safe and secure learning environment are already being implemented in our classrooms. These include having consistent routines and structures, supporting students with social and emotional self regulation, known as co-regulation, and supporting students to develop their expressive communication capacity.

We also investigated the need for Trauma Informed Self Care for staff and how staff can address their physical, emotional, cognitive, spiritual and energetic needs to manage their own responses to trauma.

Whilst it was an intensive day, it was a very beneficial one for our staff's understanding of our students, our community and themselves, and one that we will continue

to build our knowledge on to ensure that our school is a safe, secure, successful learning place for all.

### **SWPBS REWARDS DAY**

Congratulations to our students who achieved 50 Gold Bullion Bars this week, meaning that they earned the Whole School Reward that they voted for; hot chips and a visit from the Wild Action Zoo!! This reward system is part of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support approach to teaching proactive and prosocial behaviours and expectations within our school. Students are rewarded and praised for displaying the focus behaviours on our Student Matrix. This term students have been working on "Using equipment safely". For the next three weeks, there will be a focus on "Walking". When students walk from one place to another, this is Acting Safely, as it allows them to be aware of the environment around them, stay with a group and be more alert to potential areas of danger such as roads and uneven ground.

### **VISION AND VALUES LAUNCH**

On Wednesday 26th May 2021, we will be having an official launch of our newly identified Vision and Values. These new Vision and Values were created in consultation with our entire school community as part of the four year school review process. They represent what we aspire to be and guide our decision making and daily practice. The V&V Launch Day will be held during Education Week, and will include a series of activities both during the school day and after school, to ensure that all of our families can attend





and be a part of this special event. We look forward to seeing you there!

### 2021 DEBUTANTE BALL

All systems are go for the 2021 Debutante Ball, which will be held on Friday 18th June 2021 at the All Seasons Hotel. The theme for this year is "Dancing Under the Stars". Traditionally an 'odd' year, is not the year in which we run our Bi-Annual Ball. Given the unfortunate circumstances of last year, when traditionally our 2020 and 2021 graduates would have undertaken their debut, we are hosting this year's ball for our 2021 graduates only. It is then anticipated that next year, we will return to having our 2022 and 2023 graduates make their grand appearance.

### VALE LLOYD HUNTER-DUNN

We are very sorry to share the news of the passing of one of our former students Lloyd Hunter- Dunn. Lloyd enrolled in our school in 2017, and graduated in 2019. Lloyd absolutely loved coming to school, especially for swimming, and he couldn't let the day go by without choosing to laugh, smile and sing along to the song "Flying Purple People Eater". Lloyd was one of our 2018 Debutantes, and had an absolute ball carving up the dance floor with his Mum, Denise, Auntie, older brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. We send our deepest sympathy to Denise and her family, and will always cherish Lloyd's famous smile and giggle.

**Kirshy McAinch Principal**

Happy Birthday!



## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!



|                      |                |            |                      |              |                |
|----------------------|----------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> May | <b>Gian</b>    | Room 7     | 15 <sup>th</sup> May | <b>Meg</b>   | Family Support |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> May | <b>Sharon</b>  | Room 6     | 21 <sup>st</sup> May | <b>Sally</b> | PLC 1          |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May | <b>Charlie</b> | Room 3/4   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> May | <b>Sara</b>  | H&PE           |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May | <b>Jayden</b>  | Room 15/16 |                      |              |                |

## BUSES

| BUS                    | DRIVER / CHAPERONE | TELEPHONE           |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Heathcote              | Gary & Jodie       | <b>0435 900 890</b> |
| Huntly                 | Graeme and Nicole  | <b>0428 261 802</b> |
| Fryerstown/Castlemaine | David & Debbie     | <b>0409 421 500</b> |
| Kyneton                | Steve & Raelene    | <b>0428 236 271</b> |
| Lockwood               | David & Kim        | <b>0428 271 824</b> |
| Strathfieldsaye        | Steve & Joy        | <b>0427 287 843</b> |
| Serpentine             | Peter & Janine     | <b>0427 380 040</b> |
| Spring Gully           | Chris & Heather    | <b>0428 159 660</b> |
| Wedderburn             | Shaun & Kathy      | <b>0437 108 408</b> |



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## Welfare and Family Support Team



### Parent to Parent Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 9 – 10.30am

#### Meeting Room at SDS.

This is a good time for discussion around last gathering Autism Presentation.  
Let me know if you would like to be involved from afar, as we may set up a webex meeting and a recording, if there is interest. Call the office and let us know Meg & Drew.

## Pathways to Post-School Life

The Department has been working closely with the NDIA this year to continue to provide co-facilitated virtual information sessions for parents/carers of students with disability.

The **'Pathways to Post-School Life'** sessions are designed to help **parents of students** with disability in **Years 10-12** in mainstream and **specialist schools** find out about career planning and pathways tools, NDIS-funded supports and other assistance available under the NDIS and DET.

Sessions are offered over multiple dates to allow flexibility for attendees, and will be delivered via video-conference using Microsoft Teams.

#### Dates & Times:

|                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Tuesday 18 May 2021  | 10.30am – 12.00pm (AEST) |
| Thursday 20 May 2021 | 7.00pm – 8.30pm (AEST)   |

#### RSVP:

Please register via Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/vic-pathways-to-postschool-life-a-session-for-students-in-years-10-12-tickets-147913698855>

The NDIA has prepared the **attached** flyer which provides details of the sessions, how to register and the purpose of the sessions.

If you have any questions, you may contact [Amanda.Bowker@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Amanda.Bowker@education.vic.gov.au).





## Out Of School Hours Care

### What's been happening at OSHC .....

In Term 2 our program has continued to be fun, engaging and child focussed. Our educators work hard to ensure the needs, wants and requirements of the children in our care are catered to. Have a look at some pictures below of some of the fun activities that have happened so far this term.



#### CONTACT US

Information and Program Bookings

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To speak with Staff onsite during Program

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## Reminder: Student Influenza Vaccinations

On **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** we will be having **influenza immunisations** at school for students aged **9Yrs old and older**.

Please fill in and return your child's immunisation consent form including your Medicare number (No additional cost involved) if you would like them to receive the influenza vaccination.

**Completed consent forms to be returned to the school office by  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.**







## Whole School Celebration Day

### SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

On Thursday, our students were rewarded with a **Wild Action Zoo** incursion and Hot Chip lunch. This was a result of students showing our SWPBS expectations of **Act Safely, Show Respect, and Be Your Best**. Demonstrating behaviours of 'keeping hands and feet to yourself', 'following teacher directions', and 'using equipment safely' which have been our focuses so far this year.

There were lots of slithery, creepy, cuddly, crawly, and snappy creatures for the students to touch and experience. Everyone positively demonstrated a great job of showing our School's SWPBS expectations while enjoying the Wild Action Zoo.

We would also like to thank our staff for the acknowledgment of the positive behaviours students have displayed daily. This has allowed us to achieve our target of 50 Gold Bullion and 'unlock' this whole school reward.

Keep up the amazing work everyone!

