



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 4 2021
4th October - 17th December

Term 1 2022
All Students start on 01 Feb 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday	27th October	• Bendigo Cup Day – Pupil Free Day
Friday	03 December	• International Day of Disabilities
Thursday	09 December	• Graduation Day for Graduating Students

Our Values



✦ Driving *learning* growth

✦ Uniting to achieve *excellence*

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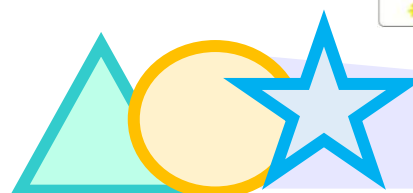
✦ Ensuring *equity* of opportunity



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



RETURNING TO SCHOOL

We are half way through a staggered return to school which has allowed all students to return for at least two days. As a reminder, next week is a repeat of this week, and the following week we will see all students return to school from Tuesday 26th October. This will be the end of remote learning for all students. We appreciate that this has been an extended and difficult time for many of our students and families. As teaching teams, we too have missed the opportunity to gain the momentum in learning that is best supported by students' onsite attendance, and an opportunity to experience the full range of learning programs that we design for our students. Thank you for partnering with us over this time to continue learning for your child in the home; you are your children's first teachers and the most knowledgeable, and have been required to call on so many of these skills over the last, now, 18 months. We do know, however, that for some families there has been some silver lining on the remote learning clouds and one of the biggest joys for us as a school, has been our ability to share pictures and videos through SeeSaw and for the chance to show case and connect families and learning activities through our Facebook page. These will continue to be great tools that we access and expand upon into the future.

VACCINATIONS

The looming vaccination deadlines for all staff working in the Department of Education and Training under the Chief Health Officers

directive, has created some confusion regarding the vaccination status of students. Students do not need to be vaccinated to attend school. Families are also not required to inform the school of your child's COVID vaccination status at this stage. If you would like to share that information with the school however, you are welcome to do so. You will all have received the survey link that I sent home from DET to gather further information about how DET can assist students with disabilities to access vaccinations. At this stage, I have not been advised of any in school COVID vaccination programs that will take place, however, if they were to, they would follow the processes of the current immunisation program that runs in schools for conditions such as HPV (Human papillomavirus) and dTps (Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis), where parent consent forms and information regarding the immunisation are sent home, and must be returned before a child will be immunised. If you do have any questions about the process for vaccinations taking place at school, or the vaccination status of your child, COVID, or otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact me at any stage.

MASKS

Many of you will be aware that one of the directives from the Chief Health Officer is that children in Grades 3-6 must wear a mask at all times whilst at school. You will also be aware that people with disabilities do have an exemption from wearing masks. For this reason, as has been the case over the last 18 months, we will not be enforcing the wearing of masks on students whilst at school. If students would like to wear them, then we are more than happy to support that occurring.





CANCELLATION OF DEBUTANTE BALL AND SAVE THE DATE FOR GRADUATION LUNCHEON

Unfortunately there was no 'third time lucky' for us in setting a third date for our 2021 Debutante Ball. Due to be staged tonight, I don't need to outline, I am sure, the reasons why we are not able to go ahead with this fabulous night. We understand the immense disappointment for our students and their families and are hopeful that we will be able to finish the year on a high by hosting a Graduation Luncheon on Thursday 9th December. This event for students and their families will be held at the Conservatory at the All Seasons for our graduating students and their families. At this stage we are hoping that our students who are in the equivalent of

year 9 and above, will attend this luncheon alongside families and staff, however, further details, and associated permission forms etc, will be sent home closer to the date, and when a further understanding of what stage of the roadmap to COVID normal, we will be at.

BENDIGO CUP DAY WEDNESDAY 27th OCTOBER

Just when we all get back to school, it's time for a public holiday. As is the long standing tradition in Greater Bendigo, Wednesday 27th October is the day that the Bendigo Cup runs, and therefore, there will be no school or Out of School Hours Care that day.

Kirshy McAinch
Principal

	WEEK 1		WEEK 2 and WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Year of Birth	From Monday 4th October	From Wednesday 6th October	From Monday 11th October	From TUESDAY 26th October
2013 – 2016 Prep, Year 1-2	✓	✓	✓	✓
2011 – 2012 Year 3-4	Vulnerable and Children of Essential Workers Only	Vulnerable and Children of Essential Workers Only	Tuesday - Wednesday	✓
2009 – 2010 Year 5-6	Vulnerable and Children of Essential Workers Only	Vulnerable and Children of Essential Workers Only	Thursday - Friday	✓
2008 Year 7	Vulnerable and Children of Essential Workers Only	Vulnerable and Children of Essential Workers Only	✓	✓
2006 – 2007 Year 8-9	Vulnerable and Children of Essential Workers Only	Vulnerable and Children of Essential Workers Only	Tuesday - Wednesday	✓
2005 Year 10	Vulnerable and Children of Essential Workers Only	Vulnerable and Children of Essential Workers Only	Thursday - Friday	✓
2004 Year 11	Vulnerable and Children of Essential Workers Only	✓	✓	✓
2003 Year 12	✓	✓	✓	✓





**Happy
Birthday!**

BIRTHDAYS

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01 October	Kirshy	Principal	03 October	Rosie	Room 6
05 October	Dylan	Room 15/16	05 October	Nick	Room 15/16
07 October	Drew	Mental Health Pract.	07 October	Zander	Room 6
07 October	Mackenzie	Room 15/16	09 October	Sharon S.	Room 18
10 October	Steve	Room 22	10 October	Jeremy	Room 17
12 October	Lachlan W.	Room 21	14 October	Jodie	Office
14 October	Xiao	Speech Therapist	15 October	Emily	PLC 1
16 October	Kylie A.	Room 7	16 October	Narda	Room 14
17 October	Angela	Room 8/9	18 October	Liam	Room 21
19 October	Tate	Room 21	20 October	Ashraf	Room 18
21 October	Jack	Room 3/4	27 October	Davina	PLC 1
28 October	Seth	Room 17			

BUSES



BUS	DRIVER / CHAPERONE	TELEPHONE
Heathcote	Gary & Jodie	0435 900 890
Huntly	Helen, Nicole & Chloe	0428 261 802
Fryerstown/Castlemaine	David & Debbie	0409 421 500
Kyneton	Steve & Raelene	0428 236 271
Lockwood	David & Kim	0428 271 824
Strathfieldsaye	Steve & Joy	0427 287 843
Serpentine	Peter & Janine	0427 380 040
Spring Gully	Chris & Heather	0428 159 660
Wedderburn	Shaun & Cathy	0466 367 656





WELFARE AND FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM

Dear Families,

SCOPE is doing of a revamp and setting up a new facility right here in Kangaroo Flat.

This is your opportunity to help form the service and let them know what you would really like it to look like.

They are offering after-school and weekend opportunities for young people.

We know there are often limited opportunities for some of our high needs students to access services. Scope have traditionally been the service for many of our past students, needing wheelchair access and change facilities. Other students are welcome as well.

Please feel free to contact Kimberley Branch (details can be found in the Scope letter) and share your needs and wants as this may be the opportunity to get a service just down the road that really fills a gap.

If you would like more information, feel free to call Meg Holmes, Family Support Worker at school Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Have a nice weekend!
Meg & Drew

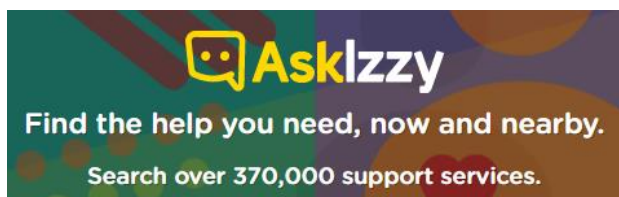


CONNECTING PEOPLE

Ask Izzy is a website that connects people in need with housing, a meal, money help, family violence support, counselling and much more. It is free and anonymous, with over 370,000 services listed across Australia.



<https://askizzy.org.au/>



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disability support services

27/07/2021

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Re: Scope Inclusive Community Hub Pilot Project – Kangaroo Flat

We would like to offer you the opportunity to be a part of our exciting new pilot project; Scope, is looking to partner with local businesses, community groups and other agencies to establish an Inclusive Community Hub in Kangaroo Flat to deliver and facilitate a program of socially inclusive activities in 2021-2022 and beyond.

Scope is one of Australia's largest providers of disability support services. We have over 70 years' experience supporting people with physical, intellectual, and multiple disabilities and developmental delays within Bendigo and Victoria wide. Our Hub vision is to work with people with disability and Community Partners to co-design a program of out of hours activities that meet access and inclusion needs, and foster connections that will promote quality of life for all.

The Hub will be located in Kangaroo Flat and supported by our other Day and Lifestyle services, Golden North and ICON (Eaglehawk). Spaces within the Kangaroo Flat building are suitable for hosting a wide range of activities and information sessions, and the building offers a renovated accessible bathroom and change facilities.

The Hub will offer a safe and accessible environment where people with disability and the community can come together to participate in a range of community based social activities, information sessions, support groups and learning opportunities.

Conducting activities throughout the year, predominantly on weekday evenings and Saturday mornings, the Hub will support positive life opportunities for people with disability and will accommodate a wide age group (5-17yr, 18-40 yr, 41 plus).

Activities and partnerships will be driven by community needs. The aim of the Inclusive Community Hub is to provide a safe and inclusive environment that will become an information and support mecca for all of Bendigo's community members

If you would like to discuss how you could be involved and take part in this exciting project, please contact me either via phone or email, my details are listed below. We would love to have you onboard.

Kind regards,

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Manager Day and Lifestyle Options (North)

making it happen

SWPBS



★ Act Safely



★ Show Respect



★ Be your Best





SWPBS NEWS

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS) NEWS

For the first 3 weeks of Term 4, staff are teaching students how to be their best in the form of 'keep trying'.

This focus encourages our students to persist through tasks and activities, even when they are sometimes difficult in nature.

Staff members offer support to students when they see that there is a need for physical assistance and/or provide prompts that give the student the best chance for success. This also helps us to put our value, '**uniting to achieve excellence**', into action.

Hamish Morcom

SWPBS coordinator and occupational therapist



Be Your Best



Keep Trying

GRADUATION 2021



GRADUATION DAY on 09 DECEMBER 2021

will be going ahead!!



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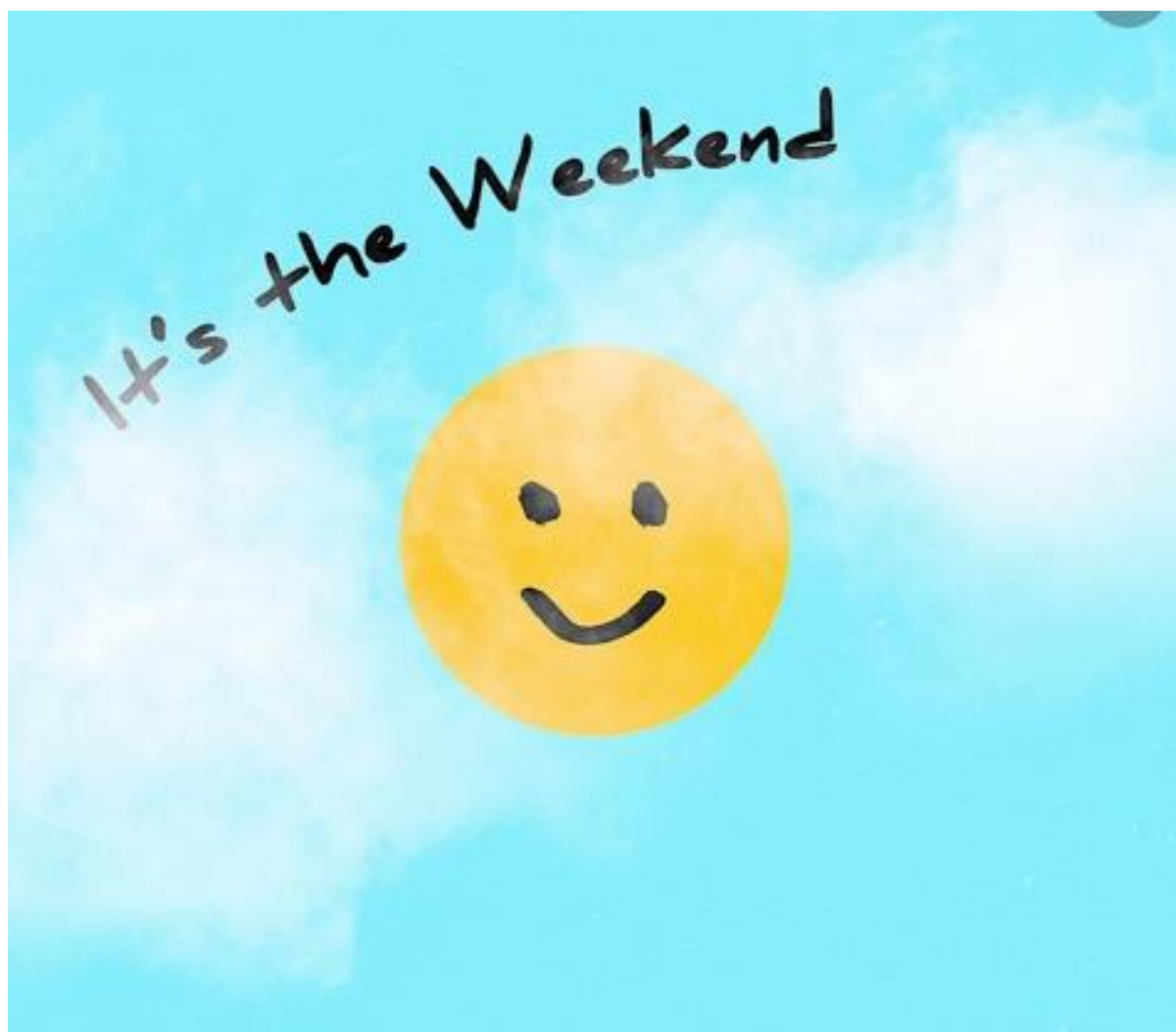


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**SEE YOU
NEXT WEEK**

