



Bendigo Special Developmental School

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

NEWSLETTER #8

THURSDAY 15TH
JUNE 2023

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LAST DAY OF TERM 2

FRIDAY 23 JUNE

BUSES WILL DROP OFF 1 HOUR
EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON

TERM DATES


TERM 2

Monday 24th April - Friday 23 June

TERM 3

Monday 10th July - Friday 15th Sep

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday	16th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAST CANTEEN OF TERM 2
Monday	19th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCHOOL COUNCIL AT 7.00 PM
Wednesday	21st June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR" DAY <i>State Schools' Relief Fundraiser</i>
Friday	23rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAST DAY OF TERM 2 - 2 PM FINISH BUSES WILL DROP OFF 1 HOUR EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON
Sunday 2nd July	Sunday 9th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAIDOC WEEK "FOR OUR ELDERS"
Monday	10th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
Monday	31st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSG - STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

REPORTS

Next week, you will receive your child's semester (term 1 and 2) report.

This report is part of our requirement to provide all parents and carers with a written overview of your child's attainment against the Victorian Curriculum and is a mandatory requirement of the Department of Education.

It is a snap shot of some of the learning content that your child has been engaging with this semester, both from a subject specific point of view and with what is known as the cross curriculum capabilities.

These are skills that students learn across all of the curriculum areas and represent the social and emotional personal capabilities that underpin learning.

Teachers have created these reports by assessing your child's attainment in specific areas by means of formal testing, through moderation processes between teachers and education support staff where they discuss and agree upon a student's skill level, and by using the Victorian Curriculum to identify key abilities within a learning level.

Every student is measured against their own progress, not against any other cohort, and takes into account the student's ability to demonstrate a set skill in different environments across the school and with differing people across the school.

You will have an opportunity to discuss your child's report in detail with their teacher in the early weeks of Term 3 at a Student Support Group meeting day, which will be held on Monday 31st July. This meeting, will also be a time to revisit your child's Individual Education Plan to identify their progress against their individual goals and reset goals for the next semester, should that be appropriate.

If you would like to understand more about the Victorian Curriculum and how our teaching and learning programs are devised, please do not hesitate to contact your teacher, or myself and we can arrange for a time for you to ask all of your questions.

EARLY FINISH ON FRIDAY 23RD JUNE

I can't believe that we are half way through 2023 and the holidays are fast approaching.

On Friday 23th June 2023, we will be finishing an hour earlier at 2 pm, meaning that student pick up will be at 2 pm and all buses will drop off an hour earlier than they normally do in the afternoon.

For students accessing the Out of Hours School Program, the session will begin at 2 pm and run through until normal finish time at 6 pm.

Please make sure you have a happy and safe holiday period.

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**NAIDOC WEEK
2-9TH JULY 2023**



National NAIDOC week is celebrated in the first week of July every year.

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islander Day Observance Committee and was originally formed from a number of other Aboriginal associations that were formed in the 1920s.

The purpose of these groups was to highlight the inequity and treatment of Aboriginal Australians.

In 1955, the then named 'Aborigines Day' was established as the first Sunday in July and was to be a day to celebrate the Aboriginal Culture. In 1974, the one day was expanded to a week of celebrations and in 1991, the growing awareness of the distinct cultural history of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people saw the birth of NAIDOC.

Since then, a theme has been identified each year, and gives an opportunity to reflect important issues and events for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people.

This year's theme is "For the Elders" and gives us an opportunity to explore how we acknowledge and respect Aboriginal elders, from the past, the present and how we look to support and contribute to the elders of the future.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION SAVE THE DATE - WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

After the highs and lows of the last few years, and the unfortunate need to postpone our whole school production on a number of occasions, I am so very excited to announce that we will be staging our second ever, Whole School Production at Ulumbarra Theatre on the evening of Wednesday 29th November 2023.

For those that were lucky enough to see our outstanding production "the Rainbow Fish" in 2019, you will know that this will be a must see event, that will bring the house down. Please spread the word amongst all your nearest and dearest as we again aim to fill the theatre and celebrate all of the performance skills that our students have on the biggest stage in the region!

**Kirshy McAinch
Principal**

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BUSES

BUS	DRIVER/CHAPERONE	TELEPHONE
HEATHCOTE	JASON & JODIE	0435 900 890
HUNTLY	HELEN, NICOLE & CHLOE	0428 261 802
FRYERSTOWN/CASTLEMAINE	DAVID & DEBBIE	0409 421 500
KYNETON	STEVE & JOANNE	0428 236 271
LOCKWOOD	DAVID & KIM	0428 271 824
STRATHFIELDSAYE	STEVE & JOY	0427 287 843
SERPENTINE	PETER & JANINE	0497 663 736
SPRING GULLY	CHRIS & HEATHER	0428 159 660
WEDDERBURN	BERNARD & MICHELLE	0466 367 656

CANTEEN

Hi everyone
Please note there will be no
canteen on the following
dates:

- **Friday 23 June (last day of term 2)**
- Friday 14 July (1st week of term 3)**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

18 June	Hunter	Room 2	20 June	Chelsea	ESS
22 June	Gabriel	Room 5	24 June	Kattie	Room 3
24 June	Ester	Room 4	25 June	Ta Be Than	Room 23
25 June	Gab	Room 3	27 June	Rhylan	Room 7
27 June	Mollie	Room 23	28 June	Julie	Office
29 June	Rocco	Room 21	30 June	Levi	Room 17/18
01 July	Hayley	ESS	01 July	Lucan	Room 15
02 July	Sara J	ESS	04 July	Ria	ESS
05 July	Anne B	ESS	07 July	Keeley	Room 22
07 July	Kym B	ESS	08 July	Heidi	Room 6
09 July	Noah	Room 10	09 July	Shee Klu	Room 23
10 July	Isaac	Room 10	11 July	Melinda	ESS
13 July	Kim K	Room 8/9	14 July	Matt	Room 2
15 July	Melissa Z	Learning Specialist	15 July	Madeline	Room 22
18 July	Tristan	Room 21	20 July	Oscar	Room 15
21 July	Sydney	Room 13	21 July	Jasmine	Room 21

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SWPBS WHOLE SCHOOL REWARD 250 GOLD BULLIONS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all of our students for reaching 250 Gold Bullions!!

All of this hard work deserves a reward and our students have voted for a visit by the Animals 2U – Mobile Animal Farm.

Animals 2U will be visiting our school on Tuesday, 20th June. How exciting!!



250 GOLD BULLIONS



**STATE
SCHOOLS'
RELIEF**

FAVOURITE COLOUR DAY

STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE



GOLD COIN DONATION

**EVERY YEAR, MANY OF OUR STUDENTS
AND FAMILIES ARE SUPPORTED BY THE
INCREDIBLE WORK OF THE STATE
SCHOOL'S RELIEF FUND.**

**THEY PROVIDE A RANGE OF UNIFORM
ITEMS, SHOES AND EVEN IPADS, TRAVEL
PASSES (FOR STUDENTS CATCHING
PUBLIC TRANSPORT) AND JACKETS TO
SUPPORT FAMILIES AND STUDENTS IN
NEED, SO THAT NO CHILD WILL BE
DISADVANTAGED IN THEIR SCHOOLING.**

**THIS YEAR, THE ANNUAL STATE
SCHOOL'S RELIEF FUNDRAISER WILL BE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE, AND WE
ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO COME
DRESSED IN THEIR 'FAVOURITE COLOUR'
AND 'DONATE A DOLLAR' TO SUPPORT
THIS WONDERFUL ORGANISATION.**

**WEAR YOUR
FAVOURITE
COLOUR DAY!!**



PLEASE MEET SQUEAK & PEPPA

OUR FURRY FRIENDS IN ROOM 18

Students in Room 18 were excited to welcome these two furry friends into their classroom.

They took some time getting to know the guinea pigs before deciding on their names, with Squeak chosen for the cute noises he makes and Peppa after a much loved cartoon pig!

The classroom has started intergrading Squeak and Peppa into sections of their educational programs, helping students further engage in these programs.

Classrooms across the school are booking their visits with Squeak and Peppa - how exciting!



AFTERNOON -TEA

@ OSHC

ALL THE CHILDREN WHO COME TO OSHC LOVE AFTERNOON TEA-TIME, IT IS AN ABSOLUTE FAN FAVOURITE. TYPICALLY, AN ADULT IS IN THE KITCHEN PREPARING AFTERNOON TEA.



HOWEVER, THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MAY WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING THE CHILDREN TO GAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE SKILLS BY MAKING THEIR OWN FOOD. TOAST OR TOASTIES HAVE BEEN THE MAIN ITEM ON THE MENU FOR THE CHILDREN TO MAKE.

THIS HAS ENABLED THE CHILDREN TO WORK ON THEIR MOTOR SKILLS WHEN THEY ARE SPREADING THEIR TOAST.

AS WELL AS WORKING ON FOLLOWING STEPS TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SOMETHING OF THEIR OWN, ALL OF THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED, HAVE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB AND SHOULD BE IMPRESSED WITH THEIR EFFORTS.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM ITEMS DONATIONS WELCOME



You will now find our second hand uniform items on display in our office area. These items have been kindly donated by many of our families for which we are very grateful.

The clothing racks have already proven to be a success and most items have found a new home in it's first few days.

Our aim is to have second hand uniforms on display when we have sufficient stock available.

We would like to ask your help!

Has your child outgrown their uniform? Are they in a good condition with working zippers and all buttons attached? By donating your child's old uniform, you can make a difference!

You are welcome to drop off your donations in our office at any time.

On behalf of our students, staff and our school community....



THANK YOU!

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE 2023
FROM 10 AM TO 12 PM

Great Book Swap Fundraiser

Everyone welcome! Just bring your gold coins

Sausage
Sizzle

Books
Galore



Bake
Stall

All for the
cost of
gold coin

Where: Village Early Education Maiden Gully
749 Calder Hwy, Maiden Gully

When: Sunday June 18th from 10am-12pm

All funds raised
go to the
Indigenous
Literacy
Foundation



Sensory Sanctuary

JUNE 24 - JULY 6 CASTLEMAINE

Creative Workshops

Social Events

Sensory Market

Professional
Development

Parent Sessions

Group Therapy

Family Events

On site Chai Tent,
Tea and Coffee

70% Autistic and
Neurodivergent Hosts
Allies Welcome!

Neurodiversity Arts Festival

www.sensorysanctuary.net.au

ARCANE

Autistic-led
Regional Culture
Arts Neurodiversity
Education and
Employment
incorporated



Community Bank
Maldon & District

B Bendigo Bank

Rotary
Castlemaine



A Guide to Navigating Puberty: Parents & Caregivers

Bendigo Community Health Services invite you to our Puberty Education Evening for parents and caregivers.

When: 6.30pm, Wednesday 21st June

Refreshments available from 6pm

Where: Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre
Multi-Purpose room

Registrations: Scan the QR code below:



or to register, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../education-evening>





READY-SET- TRANSITION

Graduating high school is a big step – especially for students with disability.

The uncertainty of what comes next can be overwhelming.
Don't know where to start?

We can help.

BENDIGO READY-SET-TRANSITION

Come along. Find out what your future can hold.

WHAT?

A fun and friendly event to help support students transition to life after school. Spend 8-10 minutes with each NDIS provider. Learn about the services and opportunities on offer in further education, employment, socially and with physical activity and health.

WHO?

Years 11 and 12 students attending special schools or enrolled in a special education program, teachers and parents are encouraged to attend. Attendance is **free**.

WHY?

In two hours, you will chat face-to-face with providers, ask questions and go home with a pocketful of new provider contacts from your local area.

WHEN?

10:30 AM - 1:00PM
Tuesday, 18 July 2023

WHERE?

Quality Hotel Lakeside
286 Napier St
Bendigo VIC

FREE EVENT

REGISTER NOW AT:

onecommunity.net.au/ready-set-transition

DIFFERENT JOURNEYS PRESENTS

Mental Health X Autism

Wednesday 12th July
12 PM - 2 PM

The Bendigo Club

22 Park St, Strathdale VIC 3550

Bookings

Registration is required via the
web, email or phone

my.differentjourneysautism.com

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0490 774 068

Cost

Light lunch is
provided courtesy of
Bendigo Health

Free



Johanna Rouse
Event Speaker

Johanna is an experienced mental health clinician working with Autistic young people and adults, both in public and private mental health settings over the past 12 years.

She has been involved in the development and delivery of training in relation to Autism and mental ill health via local, state-wide and national platforms, and currently provides diagnostic assessments for autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders.

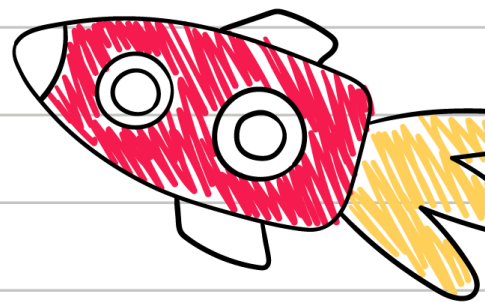
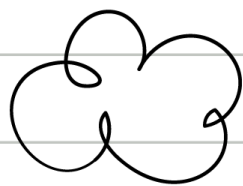
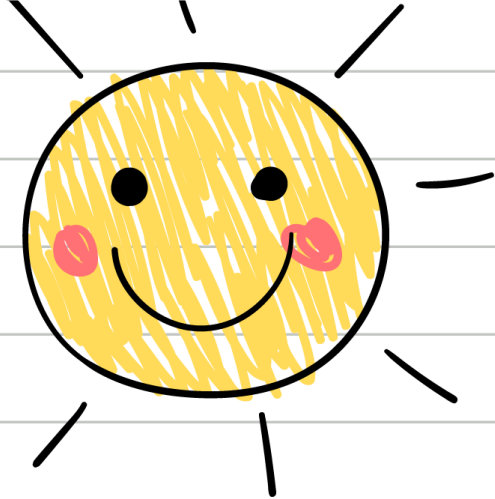


Jobs, Skills,
Industry
and Regions

We Support Celebrations

We Provide Connections

We Create Communities



**Friday 23rd June:
Last Day of Term 2**

**HAVE A GOOD
BREAK**

**Monday 10th July:
First Day of Term 3**

