



Bendigo Special Developmental School

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

NEWSLETTER #6

FRIDAY
19TH MAY 2023

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TERM DATES


TERM 2

Monday 24th April - Friday 23 June

TERM 3

Monday 10th July - Friday 15th Sep

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday	26th May	• National Sorry Day
Saturday 27th May	Saturday 3rd June	• Reconciliation Week
Thursday	8th June	• PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Monday	12th June 	• KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Friday	23rd June	• Last Day of Term 2

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



SWPBS BRONZE AWARD

This morning we hosted the region's School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Coach, Kerry Hammond, who presented us with a SWPBS 'Bronze' level award. This award represents the level to which the eight essential elements of SWPBS have been implemented within the school.

We have a SWPBS Leadership Team within our school, who are responsible for the implementation, monitoring and embedding of the essential features across the year. This team, which also has a parent and student representative, Leah Thomas and Brogan Calderan, meets every three to four weeks. The team is responsible for analysing the data collected under the framework which helps to identify exactly what specific behaviour from our expected behaviour matrix, teachers will explicitly teach and staff will focus on to upskill our students in pro-social behaviours.

We have focussed on transitions and many of the skills involved in this skill for some time, as the ability to move from one preferred activity to a non-preferred activity, or physically move from one space to the other, are key skills for safety, regulation and to access further learning.

The awarding of the Bronze Level Certificate, is a great achievement for our whole school community, and we are looking forward to continuing to progress to the silver and then gold levels!

If you would like to know more about SWPBS, you can follow this link <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/behaviour-students/guidance/5-school-wide-positive-behaviour-support-swpbs-framework#key-features-of-swpbs>, or contact me at any time.

EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF DAY

One of the reasons so many parents and carers wish to send their children to our school, is because of the high staff ratios within each class that allow for a greater level of individualised support for students.

That support is undertaken by our incredible Education Support Staff, all 67 of them that work in classrooms and in various critical roles across the school.

Last Tuesday was Education Support Staff Day and the teaching staff and leadership team used the day to express our extreme gratitude for the work that they do throughout the day, and behind the scenes to enhance the learning opportunities for our students.

Whilst I am completely biased, I believe that the professionalism and knowledge of our collective ESS team is second to none and our school would not be the inclusive community that it is without them.

So I would like to send a huge thank you to Tyler, Marg, Edith, Jodie, Julie, Helen F, Megan, Xiao, Drew, Emily, Helen R, Nikki T, Patsy, Tammy, Tanya, Melinda, Kerri, Kylie S, Sophie, Milly, Jeanette, Hayley, Pam, Narda, Chelsea, Elisha, Brodie J, Jason, Ria, Sara M, Sara H, Jane, Yasmin, Kym B, Natasha, Mitchell, Jess C, David, Cooper, Ruby, Trevor, Sharon M, Jemma, Kerrie, Kylie C, Jess P, Nikki R, Kylie A, Donna, Rowena, Jo, Sara J, Kelly, Anne, Sharon G, Sarah C, Sandie W, Gael, Rebecca, Sharon S, Rosie, Sandy M, Clint, Bec, Angela, Emma, Spencer and the many casual ESS staff who also support our team. You are all amazing!

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NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME

Wednesday 24th May at 11am

Next week, on Wednesday 24th May at 11am, our students will be taking part in National Simultaneous Story Time. The day is designed for students and teachers across all educational environments, and even those at home, to all read the same book at the same time fostering a sense of community and excitement around reading.

This year's story is called "The Speedy Sloth", written by Rebecca Young and illustrated by Heath McKenzie.

The blurb for the book reads "It was finally time for the event of the year, Spike couldn't believe it – THE GREAT RACE was here! The other sloths said it couldn't be done, but Spike didn't care, she was ready to run. This inspiring story celebrates all winners...especially those who don't come first." If you would like to join in at home, you can register on the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) website www.alia.org.au



NATIONAL SORRY DAY

Friday 26th May 2023

National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation. While this date carries great significance for the Stolen Generations and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, it is also commemorated by Australians right around the country.

National Sorry Day leads into Reconciliation Week, which is held from 27th May to 3rd June 2023.

At Bendigo SDS, we will be acknowledging this day by creating a "Sea of Hands", where every child decorates in any way they like, a cut out of a hand. We will then create an art display by placing the hands together along with the poem "

**We show Respect,
We share the land,
We walk together,
Hand in Hand".**



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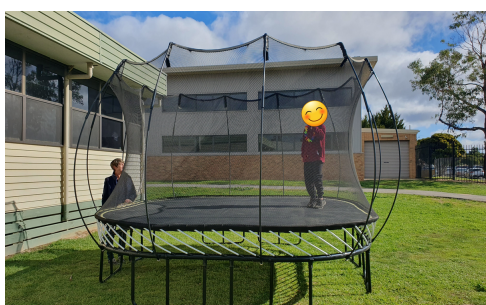
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BUSES

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

Our staff, students and members of our
Bendigo SDS school community would like
to.....

**Thank you for your
donations**



A special thank you goes to
the Bennett family for
donating a fabulous trampoline
for our senior students to
enjoy.

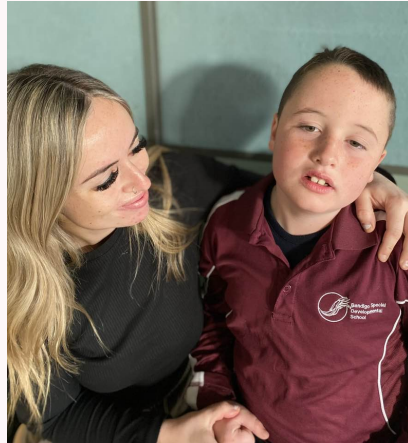
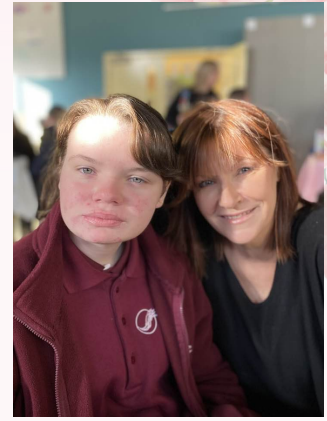
BIRTHDAYS

24 April	Ruby	Room 7	24 April	Laura	Room 23
25 April	Kerrie F.	ESS	25 April	Sarah C.	ESS
28 April	Saw Say	Room 21	30 April	Brogan	Room 20
1 May	Natasha	ESS	2 May	Shanaya	Room 2
5 May	Jaylen	Room 8/9	9 May	Will	Room 23
11 May	Ryan	Room 20	11 May	Ethan	Room 23
11 May	Narelle	Room 10	12 May	Jodie	Room 16
12 May	Zander	Room 2	13 May	Chris	Room 14
13 May	Natalie	Room 12	13 May	Benji	Room 19
14 May	Gian	Room 21	15 May	Meg	Family Support
17 May	Sharon M	ESS			



Our 2023 Mother's Day Breakfast

Thank you all!



WORK EXPERIENCE AT THE KANGAROO FLAT LIBRARY

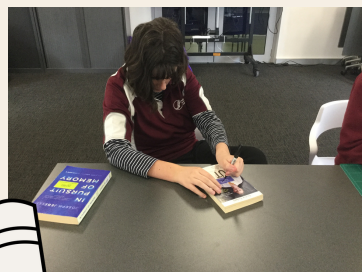
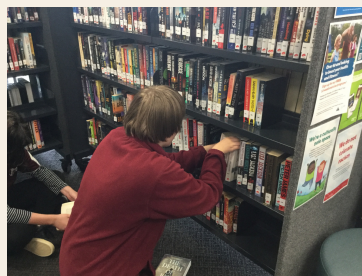
** MEET ELLA & LAURA **



Ella and Laura commenced work experience at the Kangaroo Flat Library last week.

They were given the opportunity to learn lots of new things such as sorting and returning books, removing labels and marking books for sale. Both Ella and Laura had a wonderful morning.

We are so lucky to have such a great community hub so close to school, where we can experience what it would be like to work in a library.



MOLLY'S WORK EXPERIENCE

Mollie started work experience at Nude Food Breakfast Bar a few weeks ago. She had a wonderful time and was able to put lots of things she is learning at school into action in a workplace. She even prepared some take away food and made herself a nice cup of hot chocolate. Well done!



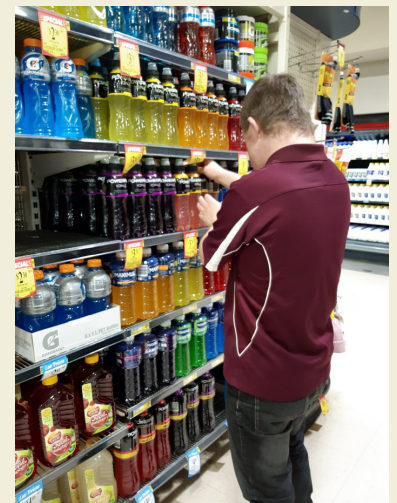


DANIEL'S WORK EXPERIENCE



Daniel from Room 23 started work experience at Kangaroo Flat IGA today. He commenced the day with a tour of the supermarket and met all of the staff. Then he went to work!! Daniel learnt how to 'face' shelves and completed two aisles in the supermarket.

Well done Daniel on a great start to your five-week work experience block at IGA!



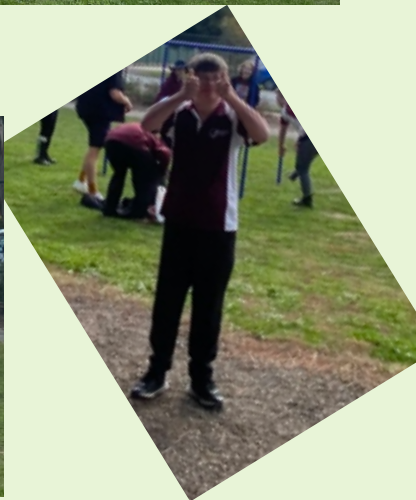
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

On Friday, our student leaders met with Daniel from RecLink, a program that provides games to increase students' physical activity in school. They voted from 3 game choices and chose Grid Ball.

On Tuesday, Daniel set up Grid Ball and volleyball and blasted some music. All of the Senior Students had a ball, dancing, learning a new game Grid Ball and playing it together. Grid ball is like a larger down ball game, in the air, so students tapped the ball over the bars into the next square, with the goal of keeping the ball in the air for as long as possible.

Students showed respect to each other by waiting for their turns, by being their best and encouraging each other during the game.

It was an awesome recess and Daniel will be back again to expand the 6 square grid ball court into a 9 square court.





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



Hearth
Support Services

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ABOUT HEARTH

Hearth was established in 2017 by founder Justin Scanlon who needed responsive quality support without stress for his son Tristan.

Hearth's values include providing quality, human rights focused supports for people with disabilities. Focusing on recruiting people with similar values, skilling up support workers, matching support workers with people supported as a basis for providing quality services and the unique role of relationship managers as an integral part of communication regarding people's support needs.

Hearth is a registered NDIS provider in Victoria. It continues to grow and change with the times, while empowering people with disabilities to have maximum choice and control over their lives. Hearth provides support services for participants of the NDIS, Allied Health Supports; Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Positive Behaviour Supports. Hearth is committed to working hard to make a difference by offering newer services in non-SDA housing support, school transition and work experience, employment, and life planning, all with the aim of empowering people with disabilities to live fulfilling, meaningful and valued lives of their choosing.

Join Hearth to learn about a new approach for participants of the NDIS.

For School Parents, in relation to your son/ daughter

- Do you have a short, medium & longer term plan?
- Would you be interested in the Hearth "integrated work skills" program?
- Are you maximising the opportunity the NDIS provides?
- Have you explored options for valued roles beyond school?
- Do you have a circle of support in place, paid and unpaid?

TO LEARN MORE

Hearth are hosting a **DROP IN** day

When: Thursday 25th May 2023

Zoom: 10am - 11.30am

Drop In: 1pm - 2.30pm

Drop In: 3.30pm - 4.30pm (after school)

At: 15 Muir Street, Kangaroo Flat

Email RSVP to: frances.robertson@hearthaustralia.com.au

DIFFERENT JOURNEYS PRESENTS

NDIS Parent Information Session

Saturday 17th June
10 AM - 12 PM

The Bendigo Club

22 Park St, Strathdale VIC 3550

Bookings

my.differentjourneysautism.com

Cost

Free

Contact

0490 774 068

Morning tea provided courtesy
of Bendigo Health



Kim Henderson
Event Speaker

Kim has worked in the disability sector in Victoria for 40 years.

Kim has worked as a support worker in residential settings, in administration as a Care Coordinator and as a Manager. Kim has lived experience in family care, mental health and disability.

Kim has also worked for a local Melbourne Council in the NDIS space for 6 years since the Victorian roll out began. Kim has a wealth of knowledge about the NDIS and disability and will explain and answer questions in language that anyone can understand.



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FIRST PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

DJAARA Treaty Family Day

Come together for a day of family fun for all, hosted by DJAARA and First Peoples. A range of cultural games and activities will run throughout the day, alongside opportunities to connect with the Assembly to talk Treaty.

Open to all mob. Registration required.

Date

Sunday 21 May 2023

Time

10am – 4pm

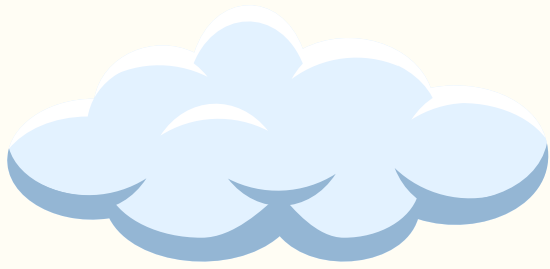
Location

Larni Garingilang and Garden for
the Future - Bendigo Botanic

Gardens

Bendigo, VIC 3550

Register by contacting Jacinta
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Have a good
Weekend!

