



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 3 2021
12th July - 17th September

Term 4 2021
4th October - 17th December

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday	21 st to 27 th August	• Book Week Celebration and Parade
Friday	3 rd September	• Footy Colours Day
Thursday	9 th September	• PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday	** POSTPONED ** new date is 15 th October	• Debutante Ball <i>Tickets can be purchased from Reception</i>

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





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



COVID UPDATE

At the moment, the restrictions in Regional Victorian schools remain unchanged since the extension of the lockdown in Melbourne. We await to see if there will be a change to the current restrictions on the Thursday, 2 September when the Melbourne lockdown period is due to end. We appreciate your observance and understanding of the restrictions of access to our school, as these support all students and staff health and wellbeing. Can I please remind you that students who present at school with any COVID symptoms such as a cough or a runny nose will be, in accordance with the DET procedures and guidelines, isolated with a staff member in full PPE from other students until collected from the school. Whilst this may seem extreme, the recent outbreaks have seen infections in special settings for the first time, placing our highly vulnerable students at risk. I am very happy to talk through all of these requirements and restrictions with anyone at any time, so please do not hesitate to contact me.

BOOK WEEK

Next Thursday 26th August, we will be celebrating Book Week. The theme for this year is "Old Worlds, New Worlds, and Other Worlds". This is a chance to dress up and share our love of stories and characters. Please don't feel that you need to go out and purposely buy a costume. Part of the fun and creativity of dressing up is making a costume from those every day clothes and items you have at home.

PURPLE DAY

Purple Day is a day designed to promote awareness of people in the LGBTIQ+ community. It is part of the DET Safe Schools framework, which is about helping schools foster a safe environment that is inclusive of all families and students. It is not a program or a curriculum. I have included the link for the DET information website below if you would like to find out more information. Purple Day is also a way for us to acknowledge and teach diversity and inclusion within our school. This is a strong focus of the Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) curriculum, which is a compulsory part of learning in Victorian Schools. This awareness day also connects to our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support framework of 'accepting each other's differences'. In terms of what this means for student on the day, other than taking the opportunity to dress in Purple and having purple spray in your hair, is that teachers will focus on 'accepting each other's differences' and that families take many forms. For the senior students, discussion will focus on what the terminology means. Purple Day is another way for our school to demonstrate our approach to all areas of potential difference as we work towards teaching awareness and creating a community where everyone is valued equally, regardless of their sex, religion, disability, race, or sexuality. This day, like many others we acknowledge, is a demonstration of our school value of "Valuing diversity with kindness and respect." If you would like to talk with me further about any of these frameworks and programs within our school, please give me a call at any stage.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/safeschools.aspx?Redirect=2>

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/capabilities/personal/Pages/respectfulrelationship.aspx>





FOOTY COLOURS DAY and FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Footy Colours Day will occur on Friday 3rd of September and will no doubt be a highlight for staff and students alike. Even though the Tiger Army reign is over, I am sure their supporters will still be full of roar, as too the Collingwood faithful, the resurgent Bombers fans and all of the clubs that will be represented by their passionate and dedicated fans. In the last few years, we have also hosted a Father's Day breakfast on this day, to celebrate the important male role models in the lives of our students. Unfortunately, we are currently unable to hold such an event. Instead, we are looking at ways we can celebrate the Dads, Step Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, Brothers and Special Friends of our students, to share with our school community.

DEBUTANTE BALL

After contacting the All Seasons Function Centre, where we are due to have our highly anticipated "Dancing under the Stars" Debutante Ball on Friday 10th September, they have informed us that under the current restrictions, we can have 100 people in a room, however, you are not allowed to dance!!! Clearly, we need to be able to dance at a Deb ball. So we have rescheduled, one more time, for Friday 15th October. We all have our fingers crossed that it will be able to go ahead and we will be able to host this very special event on the school calendar.

Kirshy McAinch, Principal

Happy Birthday!

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

20 th August	Anna	Room 8	20 th August	Riley	Room 21
22 nd August	Cooper	Room 17	22 nd August	Georgia	Room 9
26 th August	Luke	Room 15	27 August	Sophie	Room 11/12
30 th August	Fiona	Room 13	30 th August	Belinda	The Arts
31 st August	Vladimir	Cleaner	01 September	Nicole	PLC 1

BUSES

BUS	DRIVER / CHAPERONE	TELEPHONE
Heathcote	Gary & Jodie	0435 900 890
Huntly	Graeme and Nicole	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 & Kathy	0437 108 408

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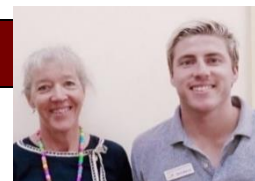


WELFARE AND FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM

Hi Everyone.

Well-done of completing another week of term 3.

These weeks seem to be flying by!



Next Friday, the 27th of August, we will be showing our support as a school for **WEAR IT PURPLE DAY**.

Wear It Purple Day is a day of celebration, recognition and support for all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTQI+) young people, also known as 'Rainbow Young People'.

Wear It Purple was founded in 2010 in response to global stories of real teenagers, real heartache and their very real responses. In 2010, several rainbow young people took their own lives following bullying and harassment, resulting from the lack of acceptance of their sexuality or gender identity.

In Australia currently, we know statistically that LGBTQI+ people experience higher levels of anxiety, depression and suicidal ideation. We also know that 39% of young people who identify as LGBTQI+ also identify as having a disability or long-term medical condition.

As a school, we want to uphold our value of 'valuing diversity with kindness and respect' and create a safe and supportive environment for all of our students, staff and families.

Wear It Purple Day is a fantastic day for our school to be able to show our support to this cause, contributing to our Safe School's model and whole school approach to wellbeing.

To celebrate this day as a school, we will be participating in a whole school art project utilising the Wear It Purple slogan of 'We Are The CHANGE'.

This will be a whole school contribution that will be accompanied by Respectful Relationships material in the classrooms based on inclusion and diversity. To add to the fun and celebratory theme of the day, we will also be having some fun activities such as making purple cupcakes and optional Purple Hairspray Makeovers available for our students.

"READY-SET-TRANSITION" is a joint program with Bendigo Special Developmental School and "One Community" which will be held on **25th August** at the Bendigo Harness Club in Junortoun.

The program has especially been set up to support our transitioning students and will allow parents and students to chat to various service providers about what they have to offer.

You will get 5-6 minutes with each provider to ask your specific questions.

This is must for school leavers and any families with young people over 16 who want to get an idea of what is out there after school.

Please RSVP your name and phone number to info@onecommunity.net.au or call 0455 137 430

If you would like to take your young person, which would be beneficial, you will need to pick up and sign out from school prior to the meeting time.

Any questions call Meg /Kim.

PARENT TO PARENT

Due to the COVID restrictions, we will cancel Parent to Parent group for the time being.

We will keep you posted and we hope we can resume our fortnightly meetings soon again.

Have a great weekend, Meg and Drew





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READY-SET-TRANSITION

LIFE AFTER SCHOOL NETWORKING EVENT FOR PARENTS & SENIOR STUDENTS

**Meet & greet service providers who
are offering:**

- Supported work options
- Further learning opportunities
- Day programs
- Physical activity/physio programs
- Communication skills
- Social learning

Free to attend - JOIN US!

HOW TO REGISTER

Email your name and phone number to
info@onecommunity.net.au
or call 0455 137 430



Bendigo Harness Club

Lords Raceway, McIvor Highway, Junortoun

**WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST
12:30PM TO 2:30PM**

**Register by
email or phone**



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FOOTY COLOURS DAY



We're wearing our
FOOTY COLOURS

on: Friday 3rd September 2021

Help us kick goals for kids with cancer by wearing your favourite footy team's colours and making a donation.



footycoloursday.com.au #footycoloursday

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Fight Cancer Foundation
Giving hope. Saving lives.

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✦ Act Safely



✦ Show Respect



✦ Be your Best





THANK YOU!

Over the last few weeks, we have received a number of donations, varying from uniforms to items which can be used by students and staff in our school community.

We would like to thank you all for your donations.

Every item you donate is very valuable to our school and we are very grateful that we will be able to help others through your donations.

Thank you on behalf of all staff and students at the Bendigo Special Developmental School



2021 PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY



YOUR OPINION COUNTS!!

Each year, Parents/Caregivers/Guardians are given the opportunity to provide the school and the Department of Education with feedback through the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey. The survey is conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete and can be accessed at any convenient time by desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The link to this all-important survey was resent to families this week via SMS and will need to be completed by Friday 3rd September.

So far, we have only had 18% of our families complete the survey.

I encourage as many families as possible to undertake this survey as it provides us with invaluable information that we can reflect upon.

Please remember that your responses will be anonymous.

Thank you.





STUDENT ENTERPRISE TEAM



Lavender Wheat Bags

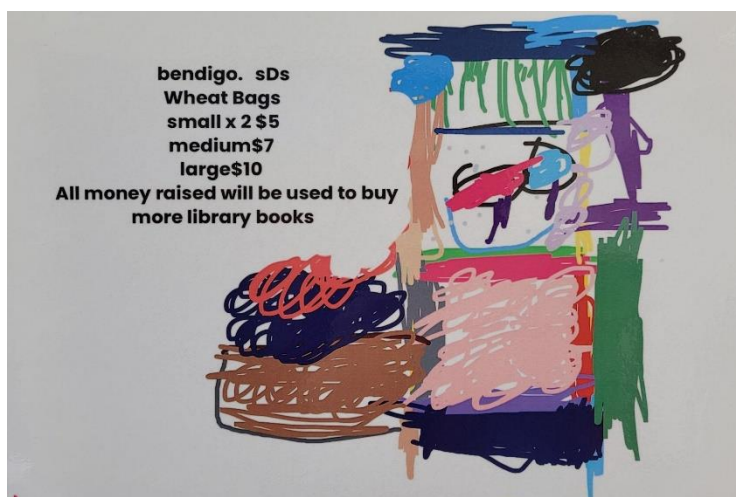
Our Student Enterprise Team has been working hard to make the most beautiful Wheat Bags in 3 different sizes.

It only needs heating in the microwave for 1 or 2 minutes and you can use the Lavender Wheat Bag to warm up your bed or soothe aching muscles.

You can purchase your Wheat Bag from the office where they are all on display.

All money raised will be used to buy more library books.

Thank you to our students and Mellonie Blake for this great initiative.





BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION & PARADE – 26 AUGUST



We are celebrating Book Week 2021

On Thursday the 26th of August

The theme of book week this year lends itself to all types of worlds, imaginary or real. You can talk about stories at home that explore the idea of things that happened in the olden day's compared to now, or imaginary worlds.

Throughout the day at school, we will be enjoying lots of books, songs, dancing, art and cooking activities all about exploring imaginary worlds.

In STEAM throughout book week, students will be making imaginary creatures that belong to a new world.

Keep an eye on Facebook and Seesaw for events that will happen on this day.

Parade- There will be a costume dress up parade in the morning. No need to spend lots of money. It's time to get creative, or use what you already have at home.





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with BARGAINS GALORE

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Market Stalls & Car Boot Sales,

Produce, Plants, Craft, Cakes,

Clothing, Books, Tools, Toys,

Sausage Sizzle, Devonshire T's,

Live Music and much more.

KANGAROO FLAT MARKET

@ Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church

(opposite ALDI) COVID RESTRICTIONS & WEATHER PERMITTING

SAT. 28TH AUGUST

from 8am - 1pm

Market Stall & Car Boot Sites are available:

for bookings, please contact Max on 5443 1809

or blume_m@bigpond.com

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