



Bendigo Special Developmental School

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

Newsletter # 2 – Friday 25th February 2022

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TERM DATES 2022

Term 1, 2022	Term 2, 2022
Friday 28 January - Friday 08 th April	Tuesday 26 th April – Friday 24 th June

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday	14 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour Day: Public Holiday NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Friday	01 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Raffle Draw
Friday	08 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Term 1
Friday	15 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Friday
Monday	25 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anzac Day

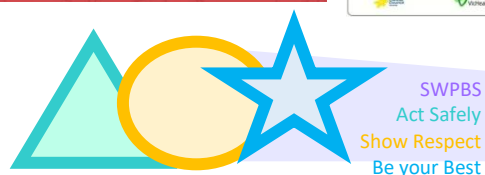
Our Values



- Driving learning
- growing diversity
- Valuing diversity with kindness and respect
- Uniting to achieve excellence
- 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.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



COVID UPDATE

Earlier this week, the state government announced changes to the COVID restrictions that are currently in place, to take effect from this evening. These included the extension of the supply of daily Rapid Antigen Tests for all of our students and staff until the end of the term, the removal of QR code check ins, and changes to the compulsory wearing of masks indoors. Please be aware that because we have primary aged students in our school, masks will still be required to be worn. Whilst QR check in codes are not required anymore, any parents or carers or visitors to the school, are still required to show evidence of their double vaccination status. We are very grateful to all members of our school community who have complied with these requirements for over two years now, in an attempt to keep a large outbreak of illness occurring within our school.

VACCINATION POP-UP CLINIC

A reminder for parents and carers who would like their 5–11-year-old children to be vaccinated, but have not yet been to a clinic, there will be a Pop-Up Vaccination Clinic held in the Multiple Purpose Room of our school on Saturday 5th March. This initiative is part of an arrangement between the Department of Health and DET to host additional pop-up child/family-centred clinics in schools across metropolitan and regional centres. It is hoped that having vaccinations in a familiar environment will support families who wish to have their child vaccinated.

Please note that it is **not mandatory** for students to have a vaccination to attend school, this clinic operates outside of school hours and students will only be vaccinated, as is the case with all school vaccination programs, with their parent/carer's signed consent. The booking process for this clinic can be found at the back of this newsletter.

OTHER ILLNESSES

There is no doubt that we have all been very preoccupied with COVID over the last two years, and in many ways, the measures that have been put in place to counteract that virus, have made the circulation of many other illnesses that commonly occur also disappear. Now as restrictions relax somewhat, we have also seen the resurgence of illness such as gastro and colds and the flu. If you can remember back to a world before COVID, we would often put reminders in the newsletter to please keep your child at home if they were unwell. Whilst students may test negative for COVID on their RAT, it doesn't mean that they are not ill with a contagious cold, which can be equally as harmful to many of our vulnerable students. So please, as a reminder, if your child has cold like symptoms, please keep them at home until their symptoms have cleared. Additionally, if your child has diarrhoea or vomits, they need to be excluded from school until they have gone 24 hours without vomiting or having a loose bowel motion. This means if they are sent home from school with these symptoms, they cannot return to school the next day.

MATHEMATICS

In far more hopeful and exciting news, I am so thrilled to share with you that our school has been successful in winning an Australia wide Smart Giving project grant of just over \$28000 to undertake a whole school mathematics initiative. Congratulations must go to Tania Franks, our Leading Teacher of Curriculum, who designed and drafted the submission, which will see us partner with Mathematics Victoria as a key part of the project.





The project goal is to improve whole staff knowledge and practice around the teaching of Mathematics to students with complex learning needs. The focus of the program will be initially on up-skilling staff through professional development and then for all classrooms to include differentiation strategies to apply the same best-practice mathematical concepts across all classrooms. The project will be in a planning phase for the first semester and will then be formally launched in Term 3. Our desire to keep learning and growing as educators is motivated by our vision to become *"a place of excellence in education"* so that we can continue to create *'success for all.'*

SAVE THE DATE - DEBUTANTE BALL

The date for our Bi-Annual Debutante Ball has been set! Save the Date for Friday 17th June 2022, as the "Underneath the Stars" themed night of nights will take place. We are very much looking forward to being able to stage this much-loved event on the Bendigo SDS calendar, with 22 senior students eligible to take part. Expression of Interests for those students have been sent home and we encourage any family who is unsure about their child being involved for any reason, to please talk to us about how we can support your young person and your family to take part in this memorable celebration.

Kirshy McAinch
Principal

CONTACT DETAILS



ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE?

It is most important that we always have your correct contact and home address details, especially if we need to contact you in the case of an emergency or if your child is unwell.

We'd like to ask everyone to ensure you to advise our office staff of any change in your details as soon as possible, submit them on the Flexischool App or advice the classroom teacher by email.

Thank you for your cooperation





BIRTHDAYS

18 February	Helen	OH & S	21 February	Brianna	Room 23
21 February	Lorraine	Volunteer	22 February	Bodhi	Room 3
22 February	Bella	Room 11/12	23 February	Ruby	ESS
24 February	Stephanie	Room 23	25 February	Jye	Room 18
27 February	Tyler	Room 14	01 March	Jason	ESS
05 March	Quinn	Room 18	07 March	Ollie	Room 5
09 March	Shannon	OSHC	10 March	Taia	Room 2



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





SCHOOL LEAVING INFORMATION

As a parent/carer of a student in Year 11 or Year 12 at
Bendigo SDS

You're invited to attend

School Leaving Information/Meet and Greet session

At Kangaroo Flat Library

Thursday March 3rd 10.30 – 11.30

RSVP to Kim Giles by March 1st, via Seesaw/Office.

Please contact Kim if you would like the opportunity to attend via Webex. The requirements of the library are that attendees are double vaccinated and that we socially distance.

This will be a great start to the next part of the journey for you all. We strongly encourage you to attend.





SWPBS NEWS

Classrooms teams have started the year with a strong focus on **Building Positive Relationships** with their students and **Setting up the Classroom Environment** to meet individual and group needs.

Relationships are developed through use of active listening, pleasant tone of voice, and use of the students' names combined with positive facial expressions (e.g. a smile). Factors considered for classroom environment setup include schedules and timetables, positioning of seating and desks, and areas for displaying student work.

The combination of these two focuses helps our staff to build a positive overall learning experience in which we hope students feel that we as staff are **'valuing diversity with kindness and respect'**

Hamish Morcom
SWPBS Coordinator and occupational therapist



CANTEEN



Hi Everyone,

Canteen is starting again from Friday 25 February and will be on every week.

A copy of the menu will be sent home with the students on Mondays.

Please make sure all lunch orders are returned to the classroom staff or to the office no later than on **Wednesday 11.30 am.**

Thank you!





EASTER RAFFLE 2022



Easter Raffle

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Term we will once again be holding our Annual Easter Raffle.

We would greatly appreciate your support in this, and all money raised will go towards school resources and equipment for all of our students. The raffle prizes are to be hampers of Easter eggs.

If each family could donate a chocolate egg, bunny or other relevant Easter item, this would make for a brilliant prize pool!

Donations will be collected from classrooms each day or you can drop them off at the office any time.

Timeline:

- **Friday 25th March** – greatly appreciated if donations could be sent in by this date so that hampers can be put together by our volunteers
- **Wednesday 30th March** – Raffle tickets (sold or unsold) and money to be returned to school
- **Friday 1st April** – Raffle to be drawn



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OSHC NEWS

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

The OSHC program has been very busy since school has returned. We have been working on our transitions, and our senior children have been lucky enough to go out and about on a couple of excursions of their own including a trip to the supermarket and a swim at the pool.

CONTACT US

Information and Program Bookings

0439 821 680

oshc@lifely.org.au



To speak with Staff onsite during Program

0423 799 257

BENDIGO FUN RUN

Less than two weeks now until the **Bendigo Ford Fun Run**.

This event is also a fantastic fundraiser for the Children's Ward at Bendigo Health.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

Bendigo Ford
FUN RUN
Ford Go Further

The Bendigo Ford
Fun Run is back!

Sunday 6 March 2022
Bendigo, Victoria

1km Kids Dash • 5km Run / Walk
10km Fun Run • 21.1km Half Marathon
21.1km Teams Relay

Register Now: bendigofordfunrun.com.au

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SWPBS



★ Act Safely



★ Show Respect



★ Be your Best





PEOPLE OUTDOOR – AUSTRALIAN CAMPS ASSOCIATION



The People Outdoors and the Australian camps association have been in operation as a non-profit organisation for over 30 years. We have delivered hundreds of camps and outdoor experiences for people living with disability across Victoria.

All sites are "Accredited Tourism Venues" with ACA membership, this ensures quality. Camp activities focus on individual and social development, skills and independence in the outdoors. Activities include canoeing, high ropes and low ropes courses, bush exploration and cycling, as well as less adventurous activities such as orienteering and archery. Each camper has a nominated carer or volunteer as required on a ratio of 1:1, 1:2, 1:3 (depending on the complexity of their needs). Our camps are for children, teens, and adults. The outdoor team has a high focus on the individual camper and the best quality experience each person can have on camp.

Our "Come and Try Day" on Saturday 2nd of April 2022 will be a family day event.

Cost: \$50.00 per family. Activities, equipment & Lunch Included

Please see the registration link below and flyer attached .

Everyone is welcome!

Bookings for the "Come and Try Day" are essential.

You can register through the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/people-outdoors-family-come-try-day-grampians-tickets-224816802107>

Feel free to pick up an information leaflet from the office.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Yummy Pikelets

**These pikelets are thick and fluffy.
With your choice of jam and whipped cream they become out of this world!**



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Cup of self-rising flour
- 1 Tablespoon caster sugar or super fine sugar
- 1 Egg
- 1 Tablespoon butter, melted
- 1/2 Cup of Milk or as needed

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1:

Sift the flour into a medium bowl and stir in the sugar. Make a well in the centre and add the egg. Stir with a wooden spoon while gradually pouring in the milk until you reach the consistency that you prefer. Thicker pikelets will need a thick batter, while thin pikelets will need a thin batter. Stir in melted butter last, beating until smooth.

STEP 2:

Heat a skillet over medium heat. Coat with cooking spray. Drop by large spoonful's onto the hot skillet. Pikelets should be about 2 inches across. Flip when bubbles appear on the surface and cook until browned on the other side.

ENJOY!





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KANGAROO FLAT MARKET



with **BARGAINS GALORE**

A 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. 26TH FEBRUARY

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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HUNTLY FAMILY FUN DAY



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Huntly Family Fun Day

**Proudly sponsored by
Fosterville Gold Mine**

Sunday February 27, 2022



- Climbing Wall
 - Inflatable Water Slide
 - Animal Farm & Pony Rides
 - Live Music and Dance
 - Water Fun with Huntly CFA
 - Coliban Water refill units – PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR DRINK BOTTLE
 - Woodwork with Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise
 - Bubbles, Balloons, Stilts & Circus Activities
- And much more.....

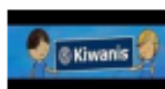


BBQ
Sausages and
veggie burgers
\$2 each

Drinks \$2 each &
FREE fresh fruit

Wominjeka Simu
Welcome
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Sunday February 27, 2022
10am – 1pm
Strauch Recreation Reserve
14 Gungurru Road, Huntly
Remember to BYO towel and change of clothes
for the water slide!





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KELLY SPORT – MOTOR SKILLS PROGRAM

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH
NDIS FUNDING

 **KELLY
SPORTS**

SMALL GROUP SPORTS SESSIONS



Need help developing
your child's fine and
gross motor skills?

LEARN MORE AT
 **KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU**

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

NDIS SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

For children aged 6-8 years old.

This program will provide all participants with an opportunity to engage in a number of traditional sports sessions that enhance their Fundamental Motor Skills in a low pressure, relaxed environment. Our program promotes effective social communication, helps participants implement necessary coping strategies, encourages teamwork, sharing and taking turns, being a good sport and building resilience. Whilst having a focus on social communication, our sessions will also help each participant enhance their physical abilities through working on hand-eye coordination, balance and foot-eye coordination in a sports-based setting.

Looking for engaging sports-based support workers?

- ✓ We meet children's needs for inclusion, mental and physical wellbeing
- ✓ We meet parents needs for seeing development in their children
- ✓ We help your child improve their social communication skills

SMALL GROUP SESSIONS - TERM 1

LOCATION: St Liborius P.S. Oval

DAY: Wednesday's

START DATE: 9th of February, 2022

END DATE: 6th of April, 2022

TIME: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Note: This program will introduce participants to the sports of AFL, Cricket, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Volleyball, T-Ball, Athletics, Netball & more.

Website: kellysports.com.au/bendigo
Contact: Beau Cross
Email: beau@kellysports.com.au
Phone: 0428 326 924
Facebook: @KellySportsBendigo



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

NDIS SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

For children aged 9-12 years old.

This program will provide all participants with an opportunity to engage in a number of traditional sports sessions that enhance their Fundamental Motor Skills in a low pressure, relaxed environment. Our program promotes effective social communication, helps participants implement necessary coping strategies, encourages teamwork, sharing and taking turns, being a good sport and building resilience. Whilst having a focus on social communication, our sessions will also help each participant enhance their physical abilities through working on hand-eye coordination, balance and foot-eye coordination in a sports-based setting.

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SMALL GROUP SESSIONS - TERM 1

LOCATION: St Liborius P.S. Oval

DAY: Thursday's

START DATE: 10th of February, 2022

END DATE: 7th of April, 2022

TIME: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Note: This program will introduce participants to the sports of AFL, Cricket, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Volleyball, T-Ball, Athletics, Netball & more.

Website: kellysports.com.au/bendigo
Contact: Beau Cross
Email: beau@kellysports.com.au
Phone: 0428 326 924
Facebook: @KellySportsBendigo



NDIS FUNDED FUNDAMENTAL MOTOR SKILLS PROGRAM

Venue: St Liborius PS Sports Stadium
Program Day: Wednesday
Program Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Age Group: 6 - 8 year olds
Commencement Date: 2nd of February, 2022

	Locomotor Skills	Throwing & Catching	Foot-Eye Coordination
TERM 1			
TERM 2			
TERM 3			
TERM 4			





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POP UP COVID VACCINATION CLINIC

POP-UP COVID VACCINATION CLINIC FOR 5–11-YEAR-OLDS.

How to Book:

1. Scan the unique School QR Code



2. Parents will be required to Register their account, then add dependents on their account
3. Proceed with selecting an available appointment time, families can book all children together as one booking

REMINDER: this Vaccination Clinic is for paediatric (5-11 year old) vaccinations only, please do not book for anyone aged 12+ years old. We are also unable to offer Adult Boosters during this clinic.

4. Follow the prompts to provide informed consent
5. Once booking is confirmed you will receive a confirmation email.
6. 4 hours prior to the appointment you will receive a reminder email that will contain additional checklist, please ensure that you complete these questions prior to arriving for vaccination this will help with reducing delays at the clinic.

For booking assistance, you can email help@osd.care.

If you have questions about the COVID-19 Vaccination, please contact your General Practitioner or Primary Health

