



## TERM DATES

<b>TERM 2</b> Monday 15th April - Friday 28th June	<b>TERM 3</b> Monday 15th July - Friday 20th September
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## IMPORTANT DATES

Friday	10th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST <i>DETAILS WILL FOLLOW SOON</i></li> </ul>
Sunday	12th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOTHER'S DAY</li> </ul>
Sunday	26th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NATIONAL SORRY DAY</li> </ul>
Monday	27th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>START OF RECONCILIATION WEEK</li> </ul>
Monday	3rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MABO DAY</li> <li>END OF RECONCILIATION WEEK</li> </ul>
Monday	10th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KING'S BIRTHDAY</li> </ul>
Thursday	20th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WORLD REFUGEE DAY</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28th June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>END OF TERM 2</b></li> </ul>

### OUR SCHOOL VALUES:



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Our School Captains and Senior students have been representing our school community with maturity, respectfulness and honour over the last week, at two very well attended and high profile events.

The first was at the Melbourne Legacy's 92nd Annual ANZAC Commemoration for Students held at the Shrine of Remembrance on Friday 19th April. Ten students travelled down to Melbourne with several other schools on a bus provided by Legacy, and took part in the service, including our School Captains Chayce and Brogan laying a wreath at the Eternal Flame on behalf of the school community.

Both Brogan and Chayce, and also Mollie, who has been elected as School Captain for a second year, attended the Kangaroo Flat Sub Branch Commemorative Service and again laid a wreath alongside schools, community organisations, faith groups and service representatives from our local community. Our students continue to be a credit to themselves and the school community.

Throughout the school this week, many classrooms have learnt about the meaning of ANZAC Day, the many and varied experiences of the Australian community throughout war times, and have paid tribute, through the creation of commemorative symbols for both their classrooms, office and the reflection garden that we have at the front of the school, to all those who have served and suffered in defence of the nation.



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## ROTARY MALAYSIAN VISITING SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER PROJECT

Our school is currently partnering with the combined Rotary Clubs of the Bendigo and Echuca districts , Kalianna School and Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School to host 8 Malaysian Special Education Teachers over 4 weeks from 15th April 2024.

Four teachers will spend two weeks in Bendigo, with the other four visiting Echuca, and then they will swap, and another four will attend our schools for the next two weeks.

We have already learnt so much from the 4 Malaysian teachers, Vee Punitha, Mai and Hor Yern, that have been at our school over the last two weeks, and it has been wonderful to hear their thrill at working within our classrooms seeing both the skills of the teaching teams, the engagement and achievement of the students on display.

We look forward to meeting the next four teachers next week.

## LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Over the next fortnight, I will be on Long Service Leave, travelling with my 'middle child' Fletcher.

During my absence, Dehne will be the Acting Principal and will be on hand to support you with all of the things he normally does, plus my bits and pieces as well.

You may recall that he is a very creative writer, so I know you will enjoy his newsletter, and I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 15th May 2024.

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## PRIORITISING TEACHING TIME

At Bendigo SDS, we pride ourselves at being flexible in our support of students and their families to ensure that students are given every opportunity to engage in learning successfully. This means that at times, we have students arriving or departing outside of standard school drop off and pick up times. We also prioritise home and school communications, as we know how critical these are to partnering with families in support of their child/ren. In the interests of prioritising teaching time, and minimising distractions for a classroom, can I please remind all parents and carers of our school and home communication protocols, as outlined in the **Home/School Communication and Information Booklet 2024** that was sent home at the beginning of the year.

**Bendigo SDS school hours for students are from 8:45 am to 3:00 pm.**

Students who arrive before school by parent/carer drop-off will not be supervised before 8:45 am. Other than the front office, all gates and entry points will be locked at 9:00 am. Late arrivals must be completed by the parent/carer at the time of arrival by either attending the front office or telephoning the front office if entry through Station Street Gate is required. As teaching time has begun, a staff member will come to collect your child from the front office or the Station Street gate.

During these times, any Sentral or Seesaw messages will only be replied to outside of teaching time. If there is any important or urgent information that needs to be passed on, please contact the office and your message will be redirected as soon as possible.

Until further notice, both the Sentral Parent Portal and Seesaw will run alongside each other.

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## WHAT DO WE USE SENTRAL AND SEESAW FOR?

**Sentral Parent Portal** is used for:

1. Absence Notification
2. Confidential communication with your child's teacher.
3. SSG (Student Support Group) Meeting bookings.
4. Receive important school messages and updates (Newsfeeds)
5. Reminders for important dates, pupil free days, school activities etc.
6. View and download our fortnightly newsletters.
7. Canteen Orders. Online orders are now activated (see info below)
8. Excursion permission and payments (available soon)
9. And more features to come.



**Seesaw** is used for:

The purpose of Seesaw is more like a 'chat' tool.

It can be used for:

1. Providing information between the classroom team and home
2. Providing information between home to the classroom team
3. Providing information about the day's learning
4. Communicating whole school events and celebrations
5. Extra personal care information as required/requested
6. Providing the sharing of photos and videos
7. View and download our fortnightly newsletter



PLEASE NOTE: Seesaw DMs (direct messages), to the classroom teacher cannot be accessed by other staff ONLY the teacher you send it to. Therefore, all formal communication like not being on a bus, going on a bus instead of OSHC being picked up for an appointment, or something needing to be dropped off/collected must be communicated through Sentral or the front office. These messages will be passed on to the classroom team as soon as possible.

Seesaw **should not** be used for:

- Absence notifications- please use the Sentral portal, or contact the office via phone or email
- Important messages relating to, but not limited to, drop off, pick up outside of arrangements outside of the daily start and finish times.

**Kirshy McAinch**  
**Principal**

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# BUSES

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



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

26 March	Kieran	Room 15	27 March	Kylie C	ESS
1 April	Jahkye	Room 8/9	3 April	Parker	Room 1
3 April	Ahmed	Room 6	5 April	Jesse	Room 16
6 April	Dehne	Principal	7 April	Kelly	ESS
9 April	Kye	Room 2	9 April	Abigail	Room 21
9 April	Sienna	Room 22	9 April	Pam M	ESS
10 April	Kaitlynn	Room 20	11 April	Mali	Room 5
13 April	Bec	ESS	13 April	Tammy	ESS
16 April	Micky	Room 11	17 April	Declan	Room 21
18 April	Jacson	Room 6	19 April	Edward	Room 20
19 April	Brodie J	ESS	22 April	Shaman	Room 16
23 April	Darcie	ESS	24 April	Ruby L	Room 22
25 April	Kerrie F	ESS	26 April	Sara C	ESS

# Important Canteen Information

Dear Families,

We would like to share the exciting news that you will be able to order your child's lunch via your **Sentral Parent Portal app**.

Online orders will be available from **Week 3 in Term 2**.

The first online orders will be due by **Wednesday 1st May by 10 am**, ready for Canteen on **Friday 3rd May**.

All the familiar lunch items will be available at the same prices.

To be able to place your online canteen order, you will need to register for the Sentral Parent Portal app if you haven't already done so. Please contact the office if you require a copy of your registration letter with your unique access key.

Once you have registered, you can access the Parent Portal through your app. You will now see the **Canteen/Pay+** tile for easy access on your dashboard.



All you need to do is set up your **StudentPay+ account** by following the steps on the next page of the newsletter. After setting up your StudentPay+ account, you will be able to manually top up your child's account or set up an auto top-up online. A small transaction fee will be applied while processing payment for your order.

A paper copy of the canteen order forms will now only be available upon request by contacting your classroom teacher.





student  
pay+



Your school  
ordering experience  
has never been  
easier!



StudentPayPlus is the hassle-free ordering and cashless payment experience that allows you to order school canteen meals, uniforms and much more from the comfort of your home, office or on the go!

**When it comes to starting your StudentPayPlus ordering experience, it's as easy as 1,2,3 through your Sentral for Parents App.**

Don't have the Sentral for Parents App yet? Download it for free here.



1+

Open the Sentral for Parents App. Click on the StudentPayPlus tile (Canteen or Uniform).



2+

Link or Create your StudentPayPlus Account – Assign your child's schools in the app. View the [Getting Started Guide](#) to find out more.



3+

Select your school, child, serving period and start ordering! View the [How to place an order for your child/children](#) guide.



**Looking to setup your Sentral for Parents App?**

Scan the QR code for instructions and FAQ's

**Contact the team:** Monday – Friday 7:30am – 5pm (AEST) on 02 9196 8200 or [support@studentpayplus.com.au](mailto:support@studentpayplus.com.au)



# EASTER RAFFLE

## 2024



**Thank you to our whole school  
community for your support and  
donations for the Easter Raffle.**



**A TOTAL OF \$2593.45 RAISED!**



## CONGRATULATIONS

## TO ALL OUR

## WINNERS



# CENTRAL VICTORIAN LIONS TEAM VISIT



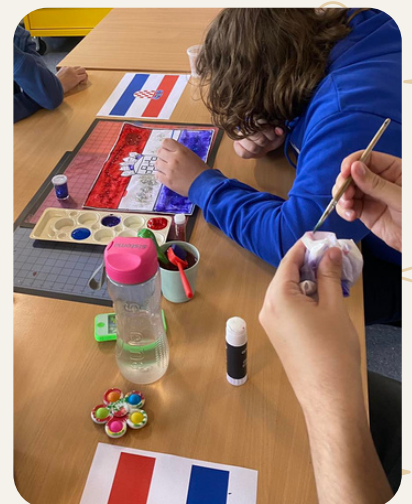
Our students had an amazing last day of term a few weeks ago, diving into the Bendigo Easter Parade spirit early with a fantastic incursion from the Central Victorian Lions Team! The traditional Chinese dragons brought so much energy and fun to our school, engaging everyone in a memorable experience.



A huge thank you to the Central Victorian Lions Team and Room 6 teacher Kat, for facilitating an amazing experience for students.

# HARMONY WEEK CELEBRATION

*Harmony Week was a few weeks ago. It was a fantastic celebration of diversity and cultural exchange at our school and around the world. Each classroom was assigned a country to explore, and students immersed themselves in the customs, traditions, and flavors of their chosen nations.*



# ANZAC DAY

We Will Remember Them





# Netball For All

Keen to try netball in a fun and friendly team environment?



Join our keen group of all abilities netballers for a fun and friendly game each week at Golden City Netball Courts in Bendigo.

Netball is a great way to have fun and feel a sense of achievement. It is open to people of all ages and abilities in the Greater Bendigo area and beyond.

Volunteer coaches and support workers are on hand to help you learn new skills and achieve new sporting goals, with modified rules and activities to make gameplay accessible.

**Saturday,  
27th April**

**Time: 1pm - 2:15pm**

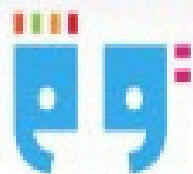
**Golden City  
Netball Courts**

Contact Casey Schultz  
on 1300 799 421 or email  
[casey.schultz@lifely.org.au](mailto:casey.schultz@lifely.org.au)



Lifely acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land we live and work on, the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.





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TEENS



# BENDIGO TEENS

## Autism Peer Support Social Event

### COST

**\$15pp** - food & drinks  
at own cost

### TIME

6pm - 8:30pm

### WHEN

Third Friday of  
every month

**WHERE:** The Bendigo Club - 22 Park Street, Strathdale, Victoria

### CONTACT

[ourevents@differentjourneysautism.com](mailto:ourevents@differentjourneysautism.com)  
0490 774 068

### BOOKING

Via Our Website  
[www.differentjourneysautism.com](http://www.differentjourneysautism.com)

**Different Journeys provides peer support and social connections in a safe and supported environment for Autistic teens and their families. Our teen events cater to ages 13 - 18**

Our events are created for, by and with the Autistic community

**Parents/carers must be in attendance to support and supervise your teen at all times. We don't provide 1:1 support**

# WELCOME TO TERM 2

