



Bendigo Special Developmental School
"A place of excellence in education that creates
inclusive communities and success for all"

NEWSLETTER #9
FRIDAY 27TH JUNE
2025

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LAST DAY OF TERM 2

FRIDAY 4TH JULY - 2PM FINISH

BUSES WILL DROP OFF 1 HOUR EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON

TERM DATES

TERM 2

Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 4th July

TERM 3

Monday 21st July - Friday 19th
September

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 27th June

SWPBS Pyjama Day - No Assembly

Friday 4th July

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Sunday 6th - Sunday 13th July

NAIDOC Week

Monday 21st July

First Day of Term 3

Wednesday 6th August

Student Support Group (SSG) Meeting Day

NORMAL CLASSES WILL NOT RUN

OUR SCHOOL VALUES:

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



NEW REPORTING APPROACH AND FORMAT

As part of the School Review process, you may recall that one of the key areas identified for improvement was the documenting and mapping of the curriculum journey our students will take as they pass through our school. The primary focus of this was to be able to document the learning and extra curricula opportunities available to our students at the various ages and stages that are characterised by a sub school type, to limit the over teaching and under teaching our students experience, and to see a progression of skills in our students as we work towards their post school pathways.

The newly established Curriculum Team, have started this work by identifying the ages and stages of students and thinking about what the core curriculum areas of English, Mathematics, Personal and Social Capability, Critical and Creative Thinking, and Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) look like during these stages, most notably, what is being taught and why it is important for the learning of the student. These are described in the 'Overviews' and students will receive a colour coded report that relates to their years of schooling.

The breakup for sub schools has been identified as such:

Early Years	Ages 5 - 8	First 3 years of School
Junior School	Ages 9 - 12	4th - 7th years of School
Middle School	Ages 13 - 16	8th - 11th years of School
Senior School	Ages 17 - 18	12th and 13th years of School

We are very grateful for the input of our School Council, who gave feedback on the overviews and the format of the report. We also took into account the feedback that you all shared with us through the survey that was available during first term.

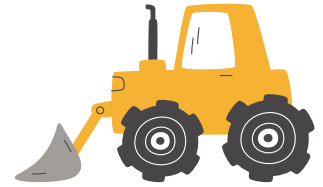
A process such as this is always an evolving document, and as the new and reviewed Curriculum in the Foundations Levels A-D are released, we will need to update the overviews and potentially the format.

The Student Support Group meetings are a great way to share your thoughts on this new approach with your teacher and of course, talk about the learning progress and the next steps for your young person. SSG Day will be on Wednesday 6th August 2025, so please mark the date in your calendar. Booking times and processes will be shared early next term.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Next week, we reach a critical juncture in our building program, with the demolition of classrooms 8 and 9, which will see a walkway created between the Agora and the Main Playground, and a path to the new building.

I need to give a huge 'shout out' to the Room 8/9 class, who have packed up their entire classroom and have moved to the Multi Purpose Room, which will be their temporary home until we take possession of the new building. They have been such good sports about the inconvenience of their relocation, yet the silver lining is, this means we are getting very close to the end of the building project. The demolition of Rooms 8/9 is scheduled for Tuesday 1st July. I am sure that this is going to be a fascinating experience for our students as they see the brick walls of the classroom come tumbling down. We will be sure to keep you updated of the progress of the demolition team throughout the day on our Facebook page.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD

It has been a rather long term, and a rather squished one at that!

I am sure that the set in of the cold weather has not helped the motivation when the alarm has gone off in the morning, I know that is true for me! I hope that you all have a wonderful winter's break, and can have the opportunity for a few sleep ins and PJ days.

After finishing at 2pm next Friday 4th July 2025, school will resume on Monday 21st July 2025. Next term is only a short one, being 9 weeks long, taking us up to the Spring break. It will prove to be a very exciting one, as we have every expectation that our new building 'mali bu djanip' meaning Mallee and Myall country, will be ready for use; a very exciting time for our whole school community.
Stay warm and take care!

Kind regards,

Kirshy McAinch
Principal

❖ *Enjoy The Holidays* ❖

CORRECT ENROLMENT DETAILS

An important reminder for all currently enrolled students. Please ensure all your enrolment details are up to date and correct. This includes contact details (e.g. mobile numbers, email addresses), emergency contacts, medical requirements, birth certificates, and immunisation records.

Please contact the office on **03 5447 3267** if your details require changing.

Thank You!
**FOR YOUR DONATIONS
OVER THE TERM!**

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BUSES

BUS	DRIVER/CHAPERONE	TELEPHONE
HEATHCOTE	GARY & JODIE	0435 900 890
HUNTLY	HELEN & NICOLE	0428 261 802
FRYERSTOWN/CASTLEMAINE	DAVID & JULIE	0409 421 500
KYNETON	LENNY & JOANNE	0490 093 472
LOCKWOOD	ANGELA & KIM	0490 092 273
STRATHFIELDSAYE	STEVE & TRISH	0490 705 019
SERPENTINE	PETER & JANINE	0497 663 736
SPRING GULLY	CHRIS & HEATHER	0490 702 728
WEDDERBURN	BERNARD & MICHELLE	0466 367 656

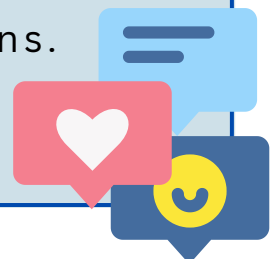
IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM FAMILIES

We would like to send a friendly reminder that any important messages are best to be communicated to school through:

- Sentral Parent Portal (mainly absence notifications)
- Email to school (bendigo.sds@education.vic.gov.au)
- Voicemail Absence Line (03 5447 3267 – option 1)
- Speak to the office staff (03 5447 3267 - option 2)

We encourage families to communicate messages related to absences, changes in bus routine, drop off & pick up information etc. through the above-mentioned options.

Thank you!





Happy Birthday!

28 June	Julie	ESS	29 June	Rocco	Room 23
30 June	Levi T	Room 14	1 July	Maddison	ESS
1 July	Erin	Room 3	1 July	Lucan	Room 19
5 July	Anne	ESS	7 July	Kym B	ESS
7 July	Braxton	Room 2	8 July	Heidi	Teacher
9 July	Shee Klu	Room 23	10 July	Isaac	Room 21
11 July	Melinda S	Teacher	12 July	Callum G	Room 2
13 July	Kim K	Teacher	14 July	Matt	Teacher
15 July	Mel Z	Learning Specialist	15 July	Madeline	Room 22
16 July	Mitchell	Room 23	18 July	Tristan	Room 23
19 July	Levi S	Room 4	20 July	Oscar B	Room 18



Happy Birthday!

21 July	Charlotte	ESS	21 July	Sydney	Room 22
21 July	Jasmine	Room 23	23 July	Elisha	ESS
23 July	Eieta	Room 3	24 July	Noah	Room 4
26 July	Kellie	Room 21	27 July	Salaar	Room 11
28 July	Jarrood	Room 21	31 July	Caroline	Teacher



NEW BIKES FOR BENDIGO SDS

We are excited to share that we've received 20 new bikes, helmets and locks for our students, all thanks to Coach Higgins!

These bikes will help our students build mobility, independence and confidence.



A special thank you to Variety, the children's charity for their support, and to the Hawthorn AFL players who helped assemble the bikes as part of The Inclusion Project.



Room 21 & 23's Musical Excursion

On Tuesday 24th June, PLC 8 went to the Melbourne Recital Centre to see an acapella quartet from Zimbabwe called Nobuntu.

Check out how they went!





School Visits – Mobile Dental Van

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Martin Vale Dentistry's Mobile Dental Van will be conducting dental visits to your school, preschool or kinder. The treatment can be BULK BILLED through Medicare Child Dental Benefits Scheme (CDBS) for eligible students. Student that are not eligible for CDBS have the option to receive treatment at the Medicare prices as a private patient.

The following explains the steps involved and options.

1

Our First Visit

Students Eligible for CDBS:

Will receive an examination, X-rays, fluoride and fissure sealants, scale and clean.

Parents are contacted by phone, SMS or email soon after their child has been seen to discuss a treatment plan using the available CDBS funds.

Students NOT Eligible for CDBS:

You have a choice: (tick one)

☐ Pay for a \$99 Van Special:

This includes a comprehensive exam, X-rays and a dental clean.

OR

☐ Receive a complementary dental screening only.

2

Follow Up Visit

We will schedule a date to return to your school, preschool or kinder to proceed with the treatment plan we have discussed with you after gaining your consent.

Parents are welcome to attend while their child has their treatment in the Van or if being seen at the Martin Vale Dentistry practice in Bendigo.

If your child requires further or urgent dental treatment and Mobile Dental Van return date does not suit, please note you have the option to schedule the treatment in our private practice at 116 Queen Street Bendigo.

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the Consent Form attached, or use the QR Code below to complete the form online.



Dr Luke Vale and the team at Martin Vale Dentistry



BULK BILLING PATIENT CONSENT FORM – CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEME (CDBS)

Child's Details

Full Name: _____

DOB: ____/____/____ Grade / Class: _____

Address: _____

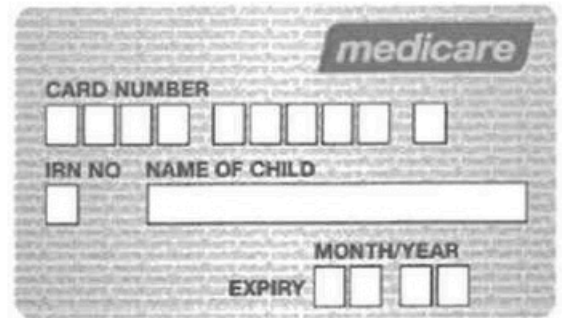
Name of School: _____

Concerns with your child's teeth? _____

Allergies: _____

Medications: _____

Please state if any medical conditions: _____



Australian Government
Department of Health

CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE
BULK BILLING PATIENT CONSENT FORM

I, the patient / legal guardian, certify that I have been informed:

- of the treatment that has been or will be provided from this date under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule;
- of the likely cost of this treatment; and
- that I will be bulk billed for services under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule and I will not pay out-of-pocket costs for these services, subject to sufficient funds being available under the benefit cap.

I understand that I / the patient will only have access to dental benefits of up to the benefit cap.

I understand that benefits for some services may have restrictions and that Child Dental Benefits Schedule covers a limited range of services. I understand I will need to personally meet the costs of any services not covered by the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

I understand that the cost of services will reduce the available benefit cap and that I will need to personally meet the costs of any additional services once benefits are exhausted.

I, Parent/Guardian _____ give consent for Martin Vale Dentistry to undertake a dental check-up, fluoride, fissure sealants and X-rays if required and I am happy for my child's dental records to be safely read and kept by Martin Vale Dentistry staff for administration purposes.

I have read and understand the steps outlined and the CDBS BULK BILLING process. I agree to the costs being BULK BILLED from my **\$1,132 CDBS** for ages 2 – 17 years old.

Full Name of person signing (if not the patient) _____

Patient/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Mobile _____ Email _____

Date ____/____/____

This form is valid up to 31 December of the calendar year which it is signed.



EMERGENCY SERVICES WEEK

helps students build positive connections with the people who keep us safe. By engaging with these services in a friendly way, we show that they're here to help—not just in emergencies.

Week 11 This Term
30 JUNE – 4 JULY

Monday Police

Tuesday Ambulance

Wednesday SES

Thursday CFA (TBC)



Multicultural Carers Day

Hosted by Bendigo Special Developmental School
In partnership with Old Church on the Hill Community Centre



Thursday, 3rd July

Call the school if you
require transport
03 5447 3267



From 10:00 am



Old Church on the Hill, Bendigo

36 Russell st, Quarry Hill

Join us for a welcoming day of connection and self-care.
Food and coffee provided.

Come and meet Drew, Meg, and Bree from the school's
wellbeing team - they're looking forward to chatting with you!



Language supports will be available.

All carers welcome.

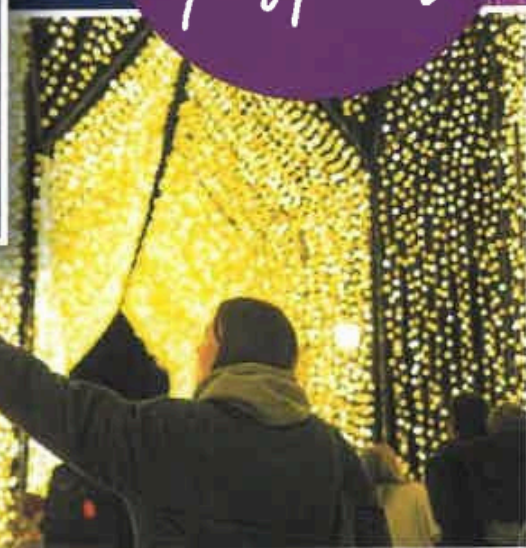
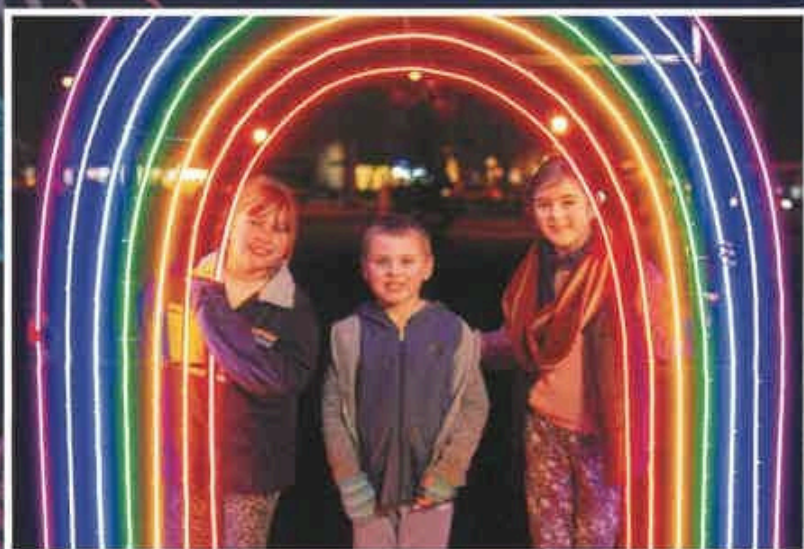
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ELECTRIC WONDERLAND

4 July – 20 July 2025

*Light
Festival*



School Holiday Fun!

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Scan for more
information
or to book tickets

OPEN DAY Y CAMPS *journeys*



Join us for Camp Open Day at Tandara Lutheran Camp, Halls Gap!

Where: 25 Tandara Rd, Halls Gap Vic 3381

When: Saturday 28th June

Time: 9:30-12pm and 1:30-3:30pm

Cost: FREE!

REGISTER
TO ATTEND
LINK BELOW

Feel free to pop down! This is your opportunity to see what happens on a Respite camp and to meet the Community Camping Director to ask any questions.

Try camp activities like high/low ropes courses, archery, frisbee golf, ball sports, pet the visiting zoo animals, table tennis, pool, foosball, air hockey and board games.



To register to attend,
scan the QR code and
complete the form.

Inclusion Services by the Y

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inclusion.ymca.org.au



ENJOY THE



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS