



# 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 4 2021**  
**4<sup>th</sup> October - 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Term 1 2022**  
**All Students start on 01 Feb 2022**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Friday	03 December	• International Day of Disabilities
Tuesday	07 December	• Whole School Transition Day
Thursday	09 December	• Graduation Day for Graduating Students

### Our Values



✦ Driving *learning* growth

✦ Uniting to achieve *excellence*

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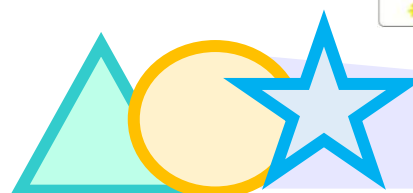
✦ Ensuring *equity* of opportunity



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**



SWPBS  
Act Safely  
Show Respect  
Be your Best



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### WORLD TEACHERS DAY

If there is anything that this pandemic, that has now stretched over two years has taught us, it is that our amazing teachers provide more than 'just' curriculum learning to our students. They provide our students with a safe place to be themselves, they provide each student with a community that values them, they provide an environment where students can be encouraged to take a risk, they nurture and support a positive relationship with the whole family and they believe that every student has a bright future. On this World Teachers' Day on 2021, where the theme is #BrightFuture, I ask you to join with me in sharing our collective gratitude to our incredible teachers, who are relentless in driving learning growth and ensuring equity of opportunity for our students. These last two years have added many new challenges to that work, however, they have not wavered in their determination and energy to create success for all within our school. Thank you teachers for all that you give.

### COVID UPDATE

As the state will have hit the 80% vaccination rate this weekend, Victoria will move to Phase C of the Roadmap that details the path out of COVID restrictions. From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, this means that there are many changes to the current restrictions that are in place for us as a school. Importantly

- Parents and carers will be allowed onsite to drop off and pick up students but MUST sign in with the QR code if they enter any buildings, this includes the front office.
- All visitors onsite, which can now include parents acting as a parent helper, people conducting incursions, volunteers and health and wellbeing personnel must comply with vaccination, mask and density requirements. The vaccination requirements are that they must have proof of having had one dose of a vaccination by 25 October and they must be fully vaccinated by 29 November, and the school is required to collect, record and hold a copy of this information. Please rest assured that this information is stored in the locked fire store of the school with restricted access.
- The DET school operations guide does allow for excursions, however, given the extreme vulnerability of many of our students, especially those who are under 12 and cannot currently get vaccinated, I, in consultation with the School Council will NOT be approving excursions to occur. I will, however, be approving transition visit for our graduating students to their post school career pathway settings.
- School tours may resume
- Transition for 2022 Prep students can take place

Can I once again remind parents and carers that any student presenting with the slightest symptom of COVID will be immediately isolated from students and staff, and a parent or carer will be required to collect the student from the school.





COVID symptoms are:

- Fever
- Chills or sweats
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose
- Loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- Some people may also experience headache, muscles soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea

We recommend that anyone experiencing these symptoms get tested and isolate until a negative test is received. Students will not be able to return to school until they are symptom free. Additionally, any parent or carer who presents with these symptoms will not be given access to the school site.

I recognise that this does place a significant strain on families, however, the inconvenience of this far outweighs the possible ramifications of a positive case being transmitted within our school. If any parent or carer does have any concerns with this approach, I encourage you to contact me at any stage.

We are very excited to be welcoming families back into the school grounds and classrooms as we progress to the final stages, hopefully, fingers crossed, of this pandemic. We love sharing our school and the incredible learning of our students with our wider community. We also look forward to some community events towards the later end of the schooling year.

## 2021 SEMESTER 2 REPORTING

The Department of Education and Training has released modified requirements for school reporting for the 2021 Semester 2 reporting period. Teachers are currently finalising assessments to provide a modified written report of your child's progress against the Victorian Curriculum Achievement Standards in English, Mathematics, Personal and Social Capability, and provide an overview of the learning they have been undertaking in Geography, Technologies and the Specialist subjects (STEAM, Health and PE and Dramatic Arts). There will be an opportunity to talk through the report at our Student Achievement Conferences towards the end of the term. We are in the process of finalising a different approach to these meetings based on the feedback from parents and families during the school review. Once details are confirmed, I will be sure to provide you with all of the details.

## THANK YOU BEAM

Many of you will be aware of BEAM, an All Abilities, All-Inclusive Movement to Music Company that has operated in Bendigo for some time, promoting fun, friendships and fitness to music. What you may not be aware of is that the not for profit organisation was run by one of our parents and School Council Parent members, Rebecca Quinn. Sadly BEAM is winding up its operations, however, Rebecca and her team have kindly donated many of their musical instruments to the school. We thank them for their generous donation, and look forward to promoting and continuing their legacy in our Dramatic Arts program into the future. Thank you BEAM; you made such a positive impact and will be missed.

**Kirshy McAinch**  
Principal



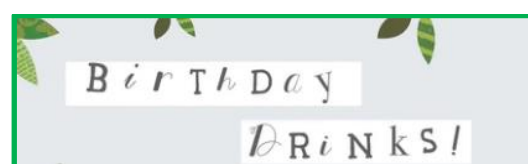


**Happy  
Birthday!**

## BIRTHDAYS

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Birthday!**

30 October	<b>Joseph</b>	Room 1/2	30 October	<b>Archie</b>	Room 11/12
31 October	<b>Jett</b>	Room 22	03 November	<b>Alex</b>	Room 19
05 November	<b>Ta Hay</b>	Room 7	07 November	<b>Brodie S.</b>	Room 3/4
10 November	<b>Hollie</b>	Room 3/4	10 November	<b>Harry</b>	Room 20
11 November	<b>Ivor</b>	Room 15/16			



- 2 Cups Apple Juice
- 2 Cups of Orange Juice
- 2 Tbsp of Ginger Beer Cordial
- 2 Cups of Lemonade

**ENJOY!**

## 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





## WELFARE AND FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM

Hello all Parents, Carers and Families,

Well done on getting through yet another week of term 4 and for all the work you're putting in with our wonderful students!



We just wanted to put in another reminder about looking after our own health and wellbeing in these challenging and constantly changing times.

With new updates in the community in regards to COVID-19 rules and regulations, we would like to acknowledge the different impacts that this can be having on each individual.

Whilst many are rejoicing in the ability to get out and about and see friends and loved ones, we recognize that this is not the same for all.

Below is a link to a useful resource for anyone who may be in need. This link provides useful Covid-19-specific information and resources for up keeping your mental health throughout this journey and can be very valuable to utilise in implementing positive wellbeing strategies in this transition back to the community.



**Black Dog  
Institute**

<https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/resources-support/coronavirus-resources-for-anxiety-stress/schools-young-people/>

We hope you all have a fantastic week and are enjoying some of this sunnier weather 😊

From Meg & Drew

## NDIS NEWS

Welcome to the latest NDIS news, information and tips delivered directly to your inbox.

Here's what you'll find in this edition:

- [What an 'average' NDIS plan looks like](#)
- [Grabbing lunch with your support worker? Who pays?](#)
- [Our latest Supported Independent Living \(SIL\) vacancies](#)
- [Adaptable fashion - what is it and why is it trending?](#)

**Endeavour Foundation  
eNews**

Parents I know there are many websites with NDIS info, this would be one of the best I have seen. It is a group set up initially by parents. These are the topics on this month's newsletter. Here is the link if you would like to subscribe and it is free: Endeavour Foundation: [stories@endeavour.com.au](mailto:stories@endeavour.com.au)

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Dear Parents,

Accessible clothing is gaining momentum.

Pants with buttons, period pants, shirts with magnetic buttons, jackets that can be put on and off in a wheel chair etc.

Take a look at the links below. Many of these items, being disability specific, can be funded through NDIS through consumables in your plan.

### Velcro Goes Vogue



Choosing an outfit to wear that is comfortable, looks great and makes you feel great is a daily challenge for us all.

Dealing with buttons, zips, laces, clips, ties and all other means of getting into and out of those outfits can add a whole other level of frustration, especially for many people with disability.

### Are you ready to go shopping?

[Jam the Label](https://jamthelabel.com/) <https://jamthelabel.com/>

[Every Human](https://everyhuman.com.au/) <https://everyhuman.com.au/>

[Averee](https://www.averee.com.au/) <https://www.averee.com.au/>

[The Iconic](https://www.theiconic.com.au/) <https://www.theiconic.com.au/>

Meg & Drew







## EENEE SWIMMERS

**EENEE SWIMMERS** are especially designed for use in the pool.

The Eenee Swimmers Australia can be purchased online through [www.eenee.com](http://www.eenee.com)



### DESCRIPTION

Eenee Swimmers come in 6 sizes and are suitable for males and females.

**IMPORTANT:** check the size chart to select the correct size.

Swimmer waist measurement will stretch up to approx. 10 cm depending on the size with more stretch in the bigger sizes....

Eenee Swimmers have a stretchy waterproof inner sling (made from knitted polyester with polyurethane coating) for containing incontinence. The outer swim fabric is high chlorine resistant polyester. Leg and waist draw cords provide extra support and security. No disposable pad insert is required.

These swimmers are designed for use in the pool, not as an absorbent garment for outside the pool. Some pool water will enter the garment once submerged in the pool. They are designed to provide enough containment, so that if soiling does occur, the wearer has time to vacate the pool and go to the showers to wash up before returning to the pool.

Available in 6 sizes in Blue and Red and are Australian designed and made.

### Eenee Swimmers



From **A\$ 61.95**

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## SWPBS NEWS

### SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS) NEWS

Staff this week have started teaching students how to **act safely** by **crossing the road safely**.

Although we have not had as much opportunity to access the community in 2021 during our school programs, this is still an important behaviour for our students to learn.

Teaching of this expected behaviour helps everyone to stay safe when we have special events such as excursions. It also helps our students to develop independence when traveling from one location to another.

We hope that at the end of our 3 week block of teaching this behaviour that most students can identify what it looks like to **cross roads safely**, and put that skill into action.



Hamish Morcom  
SWPBS coordinator and occupational therapist



## GRADUATION 2021



**GRADUATION DAY on 09 DECEMBER 2021**

**will be going ahead!!**







## BENDIGO SHOW CRAFT EVENT

This year, despite there being no Bendigo Show Event, the show committee decided to hold a small arts and craft judging event.

This meant that we were able to continue the tradition of decorating wooden sheep and butterfly cut outs.

Some students worked on these during The Arts sessions last week.

It was great fun to let our creative side loose on these, and we had some great success in the Special Schools category.

Well done, everyone!



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## ANNUAL PARISH FAIR AT ST. MARY'S

The Annual Parish Fair, of St Mary's Anglican Church Kangaroo Flat, will run between 8.00am and 2.00pm on **Saturday 6 November 2021.**

Visitors can expect a wonderful array of stalls organised by Parishioners— baked goods, preserves/produce, BBQ, craft, trash 'n' treasure, books, plants, morning tea, raffle, spinning wheel and more.

Numerous invited stall holders will have displays including car boot collections, Bendigo Gem Club, 105.1lifefm, CWA, View Club, U3A, Code 9 Foundation and Cancer4Kids.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Bendigo District Concert Band, Sing Australia Choir, Euro Fest Singers and Kim Ritchie.

Covid Regulations apply, including all in attendance must be double vaccinated. If you would like further information contact Geoff 0418 145 105 or [younggeoff51@gmail.com](mailto:younggeoff51@gmail.com).



For further info contact Geoff on 0418 145 105

*Fair held in large carpark, access off Church & Bank Street*







# TWILIGHT MOVIE IN THE GARDEN

Celebrate Children's Week 2021 under the stars at a special twilight screening of the movie *Think Like a Dog* (PG) starring Gabriel Bateman, Megan Fox and Josh Duhamel

**Date:** Friday October 29, 2021

**Venue:** Garden for the Future, Bendigo Botanic Gardens, White Hills

**Time:** 6pm - 8:30pm (movie will commence at 6.30pm)

**FREE Ticketed Event**

**Please note:** Due to COVID-19, numbers are restricted and free ticket bookings are required. For more information and to book your free ticket please visit [www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/childrens-week-twilight-movie](http://www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/childrens-week-twilight-movie)

This year's Children's Week theme is about friendships and connecting with others which is nicely reflected in this movie.

So, bring along a picnic dinner and enjoy a great family evening in the gardens!



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