



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 2 2021	Term 3 2021
Monday 19 th April - Friday 25 th June	12 th July - 17 th September

Important Dates

Thursday	6 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mothers' Day Breakfast from 8am Parent to Parent 9 – 10.30 Kangaroo Flat Library 'Reading With Your Child' Session 3 – 4pm SDS Library
Monday	10 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly 9.20 am All Welcome
Tuesday	11 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Professional Development PUPIL FREE DAY – NO SCHOOL

Our Values



✦ Driving *learning* growth

✦ Uniting to achieve *excellence*

✦ Valuing *diversity* with kindness and respect

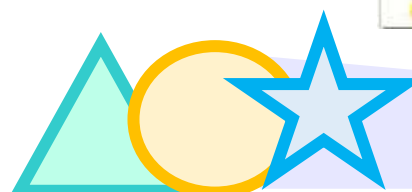
✦ Ensuring *equity* of opportunity



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



SWPBS
Act Safely
Show Respect
Be your Best



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ANZAC DAY

Well done to Bailey and Georgia, two of our Student Leaders, who represented our School on ANZAC Day at the Kangaroo Flat Community Commemorative Service. They joined all the schools of the Kangaroo Flat area in laying a wreath on the Cenotaph on behalf of the school community. The card on the wreath, which was a beautiful arrangement of burgundy and white flowers, stated "Laid by Student Leaders of Bendigo SDS on behalf of a grateful school community. Lest We Forget."

EDUCATION WEEK

Week six of the term, that is, the week beginning Monday 24th May is Education Week across Victoria. The theme this year is "Building Connections" and we are taking the opportunity to have an official launch of our new Vision and Values. There will be a series of events during the week, culminating in a family BBQ dinner on Wednesday 26th May. Exact details of all of the events will be outlined in the next newsletter.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

On Thursday the 6th of May, we will be hosting a Mother's Day breakfast to acknowledge and celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunties and special friends within our school community.

Breakfast will begin at 8:00am and we will be serving toast, cereal, fruit, baked beans, muesli, porridge and yoghurt and of course our Bean your Best café will be open serving coffee, tea and hot chocolate. We have deliberately made the breakfast on a Thursday so those of you who wish too, can go directly across to the Library to attend the Parent to Parent group.

PARENT TO PARENT

This Thursday at the Parent to Parent group, I will be sharing a presentation that is titled 'Autism: the why'. It will talk through the processing and physiological attributes of the autistic brain. It's a great opportunity to extend all of our knowledge about how and why people on the spectrum do some of the things that they do.

PUPIL FREE DAY

On Tuesday 11th May there will be a Pupil Free Day for staff to undertake professional learning in Trauma Informed Practice. Trauma Informed Practice is a strengths based framework which is founded on five core principles, safety, trustworthiness, choice, collaboration and empowerment, as well as respect for diversity. The day will be facilitated by Grace Langton, who is the Senior Trainer of the Berry Street Education Model. The school and office will be closed that day, as we are meeting offsite. The OSHC program will also not be running that day.

Kirshy McAinch, Principal





Pathways to Post-School Life

The Department has been working closely with the NDIA this year to continue to provide co-facilitated virtual information sessions for parents/carers of students with disability.

The **'Pathways to Post-School Life'** sessions are designed to help **parents of students** with disability in **Years 10-12** in mainstream and **specialist schools** find out about career planning and pathways tools, NDIS-funded supports and other assistance available under the NDIS and DET.

Sessions are offered over multiple dates to allow flexibility for attendees, and will be delivered via video-conference using Microsoft Teams.

Dates & Times:	Tuesday 11 May 2021	7.00pm – 8.30pm (AEST)
	Wednesday 12 May 2021	10.30am – 12.00pm (AEST)
	Tuesday 18 May 2021	10.30am – 12.00pm (AEST)
	Thursday 20 May 2021	7.00pm – 8.30pm (AEST)

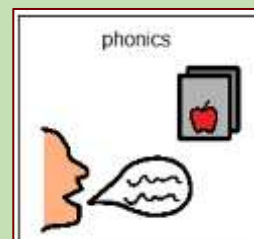
RSVP: Please register via Eventbrite at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/vic-pathways-to-postschool->

Reading With Your Child Session

You Are Invited
To a
Professional Learning Session on
How to help your child at home with reading



For staff, parents and carers on
Thursday the 6th of May
In the library 3:00 – 4:00pm
Student's welcome



Please let myself or your classroom teacher know if you would prefer to attend the same session at 6pm on this date. Tania Franks- Leading Teacher of Curriculum.





**You are invited to
Bendigo Special Developmental School's
Mother's Day Breakfast!**

Date: Thursday 6th May

Time: 8:00am-9:00am

Location: Bendigo Special Developmental School

We invite all mothers, grandmothers, carers, and special people to come and celebrate Mother's Day.

Come, sit back and enjoy a cooked breakfast.

Please email or call the office to RSVP for catering purposes.

Parent to Parent Group

Once you have finished your breakfast, why not join Meg, our family support, and fellow BSDS parents over the road at the Kangaroo Flat Library for our *Parent to Parent Group*. During this meeting our Principal, Kirshy, will be presenting around the topic of Autism.

Location: Kangaroo Flat Library (*side gate*)

Date: Thursday 6th May

Time: 9:00am after Mother's Day Breakfast

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Please return note, or email / phone the office, if you are attending
to assist with catering**

Name _____

Number attending _____





BIRTHDAYS

30 th April	Brogan	Room 18	5 th May	Jaylen	Room 9
7 th May	Scott	Room 18	9 th May	Will	Room 15
11 th May	Narelle	Room 14	11 th May	Ryan	Room 18
13 th May	Chris	Room 21			

Happy Birthday!



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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



Welfare and Family Support Team



Parent to Parent Thursday 6th May in the back room of the Kangaroo Flat Library. Enter the side gate by the bins. Come after drop off 9.00 +

Kirshy McAinch, Principal, will be our guest speaker this session. Kirshy will be sharing with us, her wealth of knowledge and experience with people with autism.

This is a good time for questions and discussion also.

Let me know if you would like to be involved from afar, as we may set up a webex meeting and a recording, if there is interest. Call the office and let us know Meg and Drew.





Out Of School Hours Care

What's been happening at OSHC

Kids in the Kitchen

Kids in the kitchen is back up and running.



Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to have children in the kitchen, but with the easing of restrictions we are ready to welcome back our children into the kitchen space to cook up some afternoon tea for themselves every week.

This month we have got the children to assist in cooking dishes such as; Chicken Curry, Nachos, Pizza and Burritos. Its great to see the children participating and giving it a go.

Getting the children to assist in cooking encourages them to develop their communication and fine motor skills.

We hope to continuously encourage them to come and have a go at cooking and following a recipe.

CONTACT US

Information and Program Bookings

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oshc@interchangelm.org.au

To speak with Staff onsite during Program

0423 799 257

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- Get In Touch : 02 8437 1799

NDIS friendly

Website :

<https://everyhuman.com.au>

Returns: Level G, 40 Chandos Street, St Leonards, NSW 2065

Customer Service Hours: 9am - 5:30pm (AEST)

If your enquiry is urgent, please contact us by calling during our customer service hours. Our

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FREE VICTORIA WIDE SERVICE

For:

Parents

Grandparents

Carers

**of children aged 2
to 12 years**

Positive Parenting Telephone Service

Our free 6 to 10 Week program helps you to:



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Stronger more
positive
relationships



Set rules and
limits



Manage
everyday
behaviour
problems

Participants complete a workbook or online modules which are supported by weekly 30 minute phone calls with a trained parenting educator.

All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.



**Enrol now and make a
positive start to last a lifetime**

Call us for more information or to enrol

1800 880 660

Enrolments are taken all year round



SWPBS



★ Act Safely



★ Show Respect



★ Be your Best





Victorian Chief Health Officer message to Victorian schools and their communities

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, teachers, parents and carers for ensuring a safe and successful start to the 2021 school year and to thank you for your cooperation during the short period of remote learning in February during the circuit breaker restrictions.

As Term 2 commences, schools continue to be able to operate with a largely normal program of activity, enabling important on-site activities to return, such as school open days and working bees, with appropriate health and safety measures in place.

Throughout the pandemic, Victorian schools have rapidly and successfully adapted to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, embedding COVID Safe principles by reinforcing good behaviours, creating safe spaces, adapting activities, and responding quickly to COVID-19 risk.

While we have seen outbreaks emerge in Victoria, we have also witnessed our capacity to respond quickly to limit the impact of these outbreaks.

Given the current very low risk of COVID-19 transmission in the community, continued high rates of testing and wastewater monitoring, and continued observance of health and safety measures in schools; those with medical vulnerabilities or their carers can feel reassured to continue to safely work and learn on school sites, and enjoy the benefits of doing so.

It is crucial, however, for everyone to remain vigilant by staying home when unwell, performing regular hand hygiene, wearing a mask when required and maintaining physical distancing from others when practical.

Should cases of COVID-19 increase again in the community, I am confident that with COVIDSafe plans in place, alongside our ability to quickly identify and respond to cases, schools remain safe places for all staff and students. I also continue to be reassured by evidence that children are less impacted by the virus and are less likely to develop severe illness.

The school community continues to have an important role to promote COVID-19 testing when a student or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild, and ensuring they remain home until they are well. Getting tested and staying home until results are known is critical to limiting community transmission.

Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton

Victorian Chief Health Officer

