



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 3 2021 12th July - 17th September	Term 4 2021 4th October - 17th December
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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday	13th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Council Meeting at 7.00 pm
Friday	17th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day of Term 3 - Finish at 2.00 pm
Friday	15th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Debutante Ball <i>Depending on COVID restrictions</i>

Our Values



✦ Driving *learning* growth

✦ Uniting to achieve *excellence*

✦ Valuing *diversity* with kindness and respect

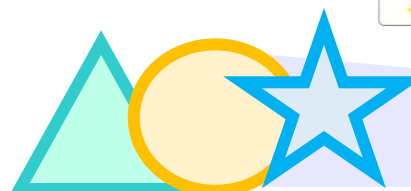
✦ Ensuring *equity* of opportunity



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



COVID UPDATE

I have once again had confirmation from the Department of Education and Training that we will be in remote and flexible learning for the remainder of Term 3. This means that we will continue to post remote learning tasks on the SeeSaw platform. Whilst we know that this is far from ideal for many students, the health advice from the Chief Medical Officer is focussed on reducing movement in and around the community to suppress the Delta variant of the Coronavirus. As information with regard to Term 4 becomes available, I will communicate this to you via the email that you have provided to the school. If you have not been receiving emails from me, please update your details as soon as possible with the office.

VACCINATION INFORMATION

The Victorian Government is encouraging everyone over the age of 12 to get vaccinated and the Department of Education and Training is working very closely with the Department of Health to share information relating to the vaccine roll out. The QR code in this newsletter will give you a link to the Department of Health COVID-19 vaccine information page where you can find out about the vaccines and also book an appointment. As a school, we are not able to provide anyone with health advice, and would urge you to talk to your GP about any health concerns you may have that relate to you, or any member of your family receiving a vaccine.

At this stage, we have not been advised about a vaccination program for COVID 19 taking place within the school. If such a program was to take place, this would follow the usual process of parents providing informed consent for their child to receive the vaccine.

CANCELLED PUPIL FREE DAY

Next Thursday 9th September was a planned Pupil Free Day. This has now been cancelled due to a combination of our guest speaker not being allowed to attend the school and to a greater extent, our understanding of the pressures that families are experiencing at this time. As such, onsite supervision and remote and flexible learning will continue.

COVID THE MUSICAL CANCELLED

With the ongoing uncertainty of the current outbreak, reducing the time students are onsite at school for rehearsals and practice, and with the restrictions that will most probably be in place threatening our ability to stage our whole school production in front of a packed Ulumbarra Theatre, as was the case with our hugely successful Rainbow Fish Musical, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the production until 2022.

This will be a huge disappointment for those students who have been cast in leading roles, who are in their last year of schooling, and for the hard work and effort that students, staff and families have already put into this production. We are hopeful that we will be able to have some sort of dramatic presentation towards the later stages of Term 4, and will keep you informed as we progress towards showcasing the incredible talents of our students.





FATHER'S DAY

I was very interested to learn that a tradition to celebrate father's dates back to the Middle Ages in some cultures. One story I read about relayed a story of a son carving a message onto clay to wish his father a long and healthy life, others related to religious observances of differing civilisations and fast forwarding several hundred years, the proclamation in Australia in the 1930's that the first Sunday in September would be the national day of observance. Whilst the origins may not be clear, we do know how important the role models in our students' lives are, and how we don't always give them the credit they deserve. Sometimes it is also difficult for our students to tell the people who are close to them, how much they really do mean to them. They may not say "I love and appreciate you", but they do want to be near you, relax when you are around, feel safe in your presence, appreciate you knowing what they are thinking, and are so grateful for your relentless love and care. So this Sunday, I wish every Dad, Step Dad, Grandpa, Pa, Poppy, Opa, Uncle, Brother and friends of our students, a wonderful day to pay tribute to the huge

influence and the positive significance that you play in their lives and in our school community.

NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED

This newsletter is filled with explanations for the many and varied events and activities that we so love in our school being cancelled or postponed. It is a difficult time and I want to reassure everyone that in dealing with this pandemic, it is okay to have moments when you are not okay. If you are experiencing these moments please reach out to us as we are only too willing to support you and your family in any way that we can. That said, I just can't end my update on such a negative note. That's why I want to leave you with this great reflection about the things that we currently DO have access to and are NOT cancelled. I must admit that I have had to remind myself of these often in the last few weeks, and I hope as the sun comes out, that our goal of better days ahead will also. Please take care.

Kirshy McAinch
Principal



If you or anyone you know needs help, call:

[Lifeline](#) on 13 11 14

[Kids' Helpline](#) on 1800 551 800

[MensLine Australia](#) on 1300 789 978

[Suicide Call Back Service](#) 1300 659 467

[Beyond Blue](#) on 1300 22 46 36

[Headspace](#) on 1800 650 890

[ReachOut](#) at au.reachout.com



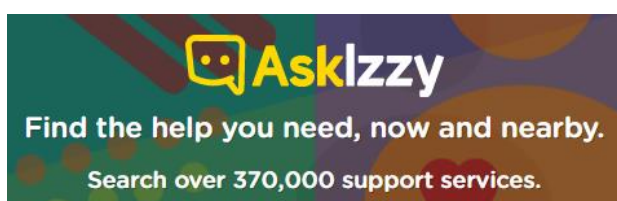


CONNECTING PEOPLE

Ask Izzy is a website that connects people in need with housing, a meal, money help, family violence support, counselling and much more. It is free and anonymous, with over 370,000 services listed across Australia.



<https://askizzy.org.au/>



Happy Birthday!

BIRTHDAYS

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7 September	Jenny	Health & PE	07 September	Stella	Room 11/12
11 September	Liz	Behaviour Sup.	12 September	Megan	Physiotherapist
13 September	Nikki	Room 20			

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



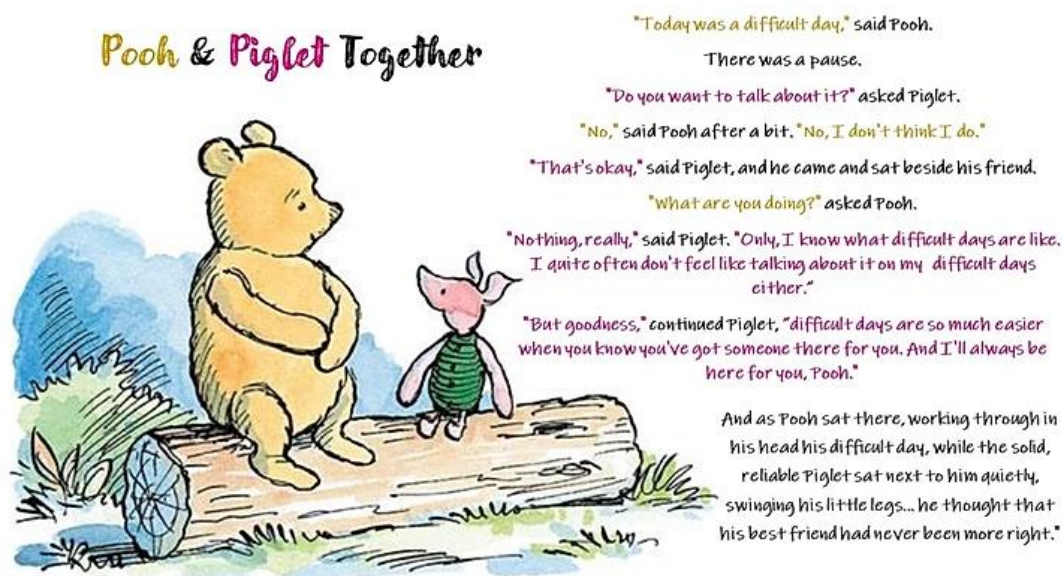
Hello parents, carers, students & staff ☺

This coming Thursday the 9th of September is **R U OK? Day** in Australia. This is a day focussed on harm prevention and mental health promotion as it encourages people to stay connected and have conversations that can help others through difficult times in their lives.

Their work aims to build the motivation, confidence and skills of the person able to have meaningful conversations with someone who may be struggling in their life.

R U OK? Contributes to suicide prevention efforts by encouraging people to invest more time in their personal relationships and building the capacity of informal support networks – friends, families and colleagues – to be alert to those around them, have a conversation if they identify signs of distress or difficulty and connect someone to appropriate support, long before they're in crisis.

At Bendigo SDS, we will be acknowledging and showing our support for this day by wearing a touch of yellow on this day and participating in some classroom activities such as making yellow stress balls to go with the theme.

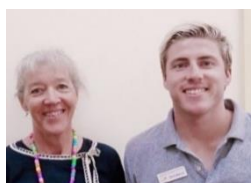


If you would like to find out more about the day or are in need of some supports yourself, visit this website and check out what they have to offer ☺ <https://www.ruok.org.au/join-r-u-ok-day>

Take care and have a great weekend,

Meg Holmes (Family Support)

Drew Barrett (Mental Health Practitioner)





ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear school family,

One of our students families are needing to look for a new rental property in the Bendigo area as their rental property has been sold.

The family have a good rental history. They would need 3 bedrooms and rent below \$350 a week.

We know housing is really tight at the moment, but If anyone knows of a property available or looking for a good tenant please call Meg to discuss ASAP. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

2021 BOOK WEEK

Thank you so much everyone for supporting our Book Week dress up day.

It was a wonderful experience to see our 'Parade' which has been uploaded to Facebook as well.

Have a look at our **DRESS UP WINNERS**

Student Winners



Oscar Brydon

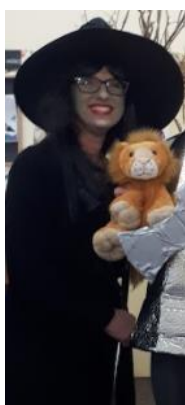


Rhylan Hayes



Shannan Mannix

Staff Winner



Sharon Morton





ROOM 13 - LOCKDOWN ACTIVITIES

Seeds

Earlier in the term, Room 13 began learning about the life cycle of plants. We began the process of planting our own seeds by making grass heads. Throughout remote learning we have been watching them grow via videos and photos being posted regularly to students.

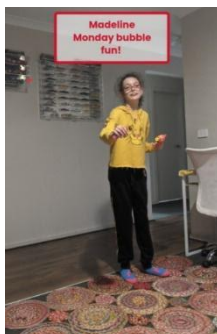


Room 13 have been getting up to so many different activities throughout lockdown.

Ursula working hard to complete her Phonics task.



Madeline enjoying some bubble play



Ruby doing a great job with her cooking task.





WHAT'S ON?



Junior Ranger a Very big bushwalk!

**Parks Victoria are offering
FREE ranger hosted activities these holidays.**

Get active, get curious and get outdoors in our parks with Junior Ranger fun for kids aged between 6 to 12 years old.

On **Sunday 26th** September, all Junior Rangers are invited to join Parks Victoria Rangers, and lots of other organizations on a **VERY big bushwalk** to celebrate **Victoria Nature Festival week!**

You can join a Junior Ranger guided walk at **10.30 am @ Kennington Reservoir** OR explore a new area in your neighborhood and send a us a photo!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

All Junior Ranger activities are managed in alignment with the Victorian government guidelines for coronavirus (COVID-19).

Bookings essential.

www.juniorrangers.com.au





WHAT'S ON?



All Fired Up – Huntly Streamside Reserve

Come and learn about how fire is managed in our parks to keep them healthy... and to keep us safe!

This activity is suitable for children aged 6-12, who must be accompanied by a parent or guardian aged 18 or over.

When: Tuesday September 21st, 2.00pm – 3:00pm

Where: Huntly Streamside Reserve Picnic Area, Leans Rd, Huntly, 3551

Who: Suitable for families with primary and/or preschool aged children.

Bookings: Bookings are essential and can be made via the Parks Victoria Junior Ranger website, <https://juniorrangers.com.au/whats-on/>

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More Information

Ph: 13 1963



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Wildflower Wander – Heathcote-Graytown National Park – Powder Magazine.

Join a ranger and discover the colourful and diverse wildflowers of Heathcote-Graytown National Park.

This activity is suitable for children aged 6-12, who must be accompanied by a parent or guardian aged 18 or over.

When: Friday October 1st, 10.00am – 11:00am

Where: Powder Magazine Picnic Area car park, Forest Drive, Heathcote, 3523

Who: Suitable for families with primary and/or preschool aged children.

Bookings: Bookings are essential and can be made via the Parks Victoria Junior Ranger website, <https://juniorrangers.com.au/whats-on/>

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SPRING ART SHOW

The Anglican Parish of Kangaroo Flat is proud to announce the now Spring Art Show will be held on **17, 18 & 19 September 2021**. This event will showcase up to 200 works from over fifty artists. The show will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm each day. Admission is \$5.00 per person, with accompanied children under 16 years of age FREE.

You are welcome to attend and view an amazing variety of artworks. All works will be for sale at a range of prices to suit most budgets. Venue can accept cash and cheque payments only.

The official opening will be held on Friday 17 September with doors open from 7.30pm for the 8.00pm presentation. This year we are privileged to welcome Watercolour Artist Terry Jarvis as our Judge and Guest Speaker.

Prizes of \$250 each will be awarded for Best Artwork in four categories, Oil, Acrylic, Watercolour and Other Media. Admission for the official opening is \$10 per person.

St Mary's
Anglican Church
193-195 High Street Kangaroo Flat Vic 3555 03 5447 7427

**Spring
Winter Art Show**

17, 18 & 19 September 2021

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
10.00am to 4.00pm

Entry is \$5.00 per person
Children under 15 free with adults

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info@foundryhotelcomplex.com.au
366 High Street, Golden Square





We're registered to **WIN** a **\$20,000**

Play-Based Learning Village
for our School!



And if we WIN, so could YOU!

For the chance to win a \$2,000
cubby for home. Register at

www.castleandcubby.com.au/pages/competitions

