

# Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 1 Week 1



Welcome to the 2020 school year!

We have many new friends starting at Little Bendigo Primary this year including our 2020 Prep students and Xavier, Banjo, Poppy and Jaspa. Also some old friends, Aidan and Callan, have returned.

I hope all of our students and families had a fantastic break. It has been wonderful catching up with our students and families over the last couple of days and hearing about all the fun everyone had.

We have an exciting year of learning and fun planned and look forward to working with parents to support your child's academic, social and emotional learning.

Anthony Tait  
Principal

## OFFICE HOURS / UNIFORM SALES

The office is open Monday, Thursday and Friday. Uniforms can be purchased on these days. Please see Michelle on these days if you have account enquiries.

## LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES

Parents are required to use the Compass Kiosk to sign in students arriving after 9.00am and to sign out students being picked up before 3.30pm. This helps us to ensure child safety.

Please ask a staff member if you would like assistance using the kiosk.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

Please use Compass or phone the school if your child will be absent.

Absence notifications are now sent to parents each morning using the Compass.

All of our attendance is now tracked using Compass, with teachers marking rolls electronically. Parents can use Compass to advise the school of current and future student absences, access the newsletter and get important up-to-date information via the News Feed.

The Compass App is available for Android and Apple Phones and it can also be logged into from a computer or tablet.

Please see Anthony if you require parent login details or have any questions on how to use Compass.

## SKOOL LOOP APP

The Skool Loop app is no longer being used. Absence notifications should be made via Compass.

## Important Dates:

### 2020

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

Foundation Students Commence

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb**

School Council

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb**

School Cross Country

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Public Holiday

**IT'S NOT OK  
TO BE AWAY**

Please contact the school every day your child is away.

Phone: 5332 6317

Email: see above

On the Compass Portal

## BUSHFIRE PROCEDURE - REMINDER

A reminder to all families of our procedure in case of bushfire risk. Our school is in the Central Fire District.

On days of Extreme Fire Danger our school will relocate to Woodman's Hill Secondary College. The school will notify parents once this advice has been issued, usually 24 hours before a day of Extreme Fire Danger (Compass will be used for notifications). Club 1878 will be closed on these days.



On Code Red Days the school will be closed. Club 1878 will be closed on these days. (Compass will be used for the notifications).

If a bushfire starts during a school day, students and staff will shelter in place in our Library and follow instructions from Emergency Services. We have procedures in place to help ensure the safety and comfort of students and staff if this situation arises. Parents will be notified using Compass if this situation occurs.

In the case of an emergency, if advised from the Emergency Services to close or relocate, the school will notify all parents via Compass of the situation and if collection of students is required.

Please speak with Anthony if you have any questions regarding these procedures.

## PRIVACY POLICY UPDATE

Our Privacy policy has been updated. It is available on our website if you are interested in reading it.

### 2020 Term Dates:

Term 1: Wed 29<sup>th</sup> January – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March

Term 2: Tue 14<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> October – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December



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