

Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 1 Week 2



Our first full week has been fantastic, with all of our students settling in well and enjoying catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. On Friday's students rotate through four specialist subjects; Sport, Cooking, Art and Science. Chinese classes take place on Monday and Tuesday's. At the moment, parts of the playground have been taped off while we assess what work needs to occur to maintain the safety of students. I ask students and visitors not use the taped off areas.

Our first fundraising sub-committee meeting took place yesterday. The fundraising committee supports our students by raising money through events including special lunch days, the trivia night and Mother's and Father's day stalls. In next week's newsletter a survey will be sent home to ask parents if they are able to assist at some of these events during the year. Last year money raised helped us install the shade structure over the playground and this year funds will be allocated to work on the playground structure and some outdoor tables and seating.

The first school council meeting for 2020 will be held on Monday night. School council members serve two year terms (they can nominate for further terms). A school council election will be called over the next couple of weeks to fill vacant positions, with further details in next weeks' newsletter.

Have a great weekend!

Anthony Tait
Principal

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Attached to today's newsletter is the price list for lunch orders. Orders must be at school on Thursday morning to be delivered for lunch on Friday. Correct change in an envelope or brown paper bag are needed.

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.

SKOOL LOOP APP

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

Important Dates:

2020

Mon 10th Feb

School Council

Mon 17th Feb

Bookclub orders due

Wed 26th Feb

School Cross Country

Thur 27th Feb

Division Swimming Sports

Mon 9th 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.

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.



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.

COOKING

For term one all students (Foundation to grade 6) will be participating in a cooking program (Fridays) as one of our specialist programs. If your child/children have any allergies please see Tammy or please email me; attard.tammy.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

FUTSAL

We are seeking expressions of interest to reform the Little Bendigo Stingers Futsal teams. An expression of interest form has been sent home with the Junior Studio Students today. Please see Mr Smith if you require further information.

TENNIS LESSONS

A form for tennis lessons has been sent home today. Please return by due date for those children who are interested. Payment must be made in full prior to the start of lessons. Please see Mr Smith if you require more information.

CROSS COUNTRY

A permission notice will go home on Monday which will detail all the cross-country information for parents. Last year's inaugural event was a huge success, we look forward to having a fantastic time once again. Please see Mr Smith if you can help out with the running of the day eg a course marshal.



It's been a pleasing start to the year in the Blue Gums studio. Students have begun to settle into class routines and expectations.

At the moment the students are learning all about place value and numbers in maths and the structures of recounts within writing sessions.

Any parents out there who are happy to lend a helping hand within the Blue Gums classroom are more than welcome. Please contact me if you would like to catch up for a meeting so we can organise a time.

I look forward to working with your children and all those involved in the Blue Gums Community this year.

Blue Gums Studio Homework

Homework is due each Monday, Students are only required to read this week for homework. The expectations are minimum 3 nights for the week.

The Peppermint Gums Studio has had a fantastic start to the school year with all students eager to discover, improve, share and apply their knowledge and skills. A special mention to the following students for academic excellence awards this week; Banjo –consistently applying himself to complete work to the best of his ability and Lachy – following instructions .

Homework: Students are required to read a minimum of 4 nights per week and are to bring their readers and reader logs (reader diaries) to school on a daily basis. Starting next week, students will be given the opportunity to complete other homework, however this is not compulsory.

If there are any parents that would like to help out with reading from 9-9:45, Monday to Thursday, please don't hesitate to come in and see me.



Further homework in relation to spelling will be implemented in the coming week.

We have had a glowing start to 2020 in the Stringybark Studio. A big thank you to all the foundation parents for bringing your child in for their Literacy and Numeracy interview. The grade 1's have settled straight back into our classroom and the foundation students have had a wonderful first week of school. We dived straight into our Inquiry Unit for this term 'Under the Sea' we are super excited to be learning about animals in the ocean but also looking at the sea bed and other interesting things about the ocean. Readers went home on Monday and it has been a delight to see Foundation students already reading every night and grade ones are off to a shining start too!!!! Well Done!!!! Just a small reminder for all Jr studio students to read at least 4 nights a week. There are some DoJo points for reading at home and extra nights reading too. Watch this space in the coming weeks!!!!!!



Grade 1 students will have a homework book go home next week. This will have some spelling words for them to practice writing and use a spelling strategy to practice their words. Homework is not compulsory it will be available for your child if they would like to complete it.

Foundation students just enjoy some rest in you evenings and enjoy reading your reader with your family.

Show and Tell days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Bobbi	Mason	Scarlett	Hudson
Callan	Emily	Matthew	Poppy
Jack	Auron	Anastasia	Josh
River	Jude	Tyson	Nate
Brynné	Ashton	Bastion	Arthur
			Cooper

Have a super weekend Stringybark Studio

Miss D

FREE DRESS DAY

The staff of L.B.P.S have decided to have a Free Dress Day for students this term, with a gold coin donation, with all proceeds going to the **Victorian Bushfire Appeal - endorsed by the Victorian government.**

We are an at risk of bush fire school and we believe it is important for Little Bendigo to demonstrate our community spirit and our school value of compassion by helping people who have been affected by these devastating events with a financial contribution.

The date of the Free Dress Day is TBD, as we are currently looking into having CFA fire personnel come to the school to educate students on the importance of fire safety. More to come soon.

Miss G.



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Welcome to 2020 in the Lemon Scented Studio. We have a great year planned and I am really looking forward to working with the students and seeing what exciting action plans the students come up with.

Monday 10th February I will be holding a Lemon Scented Studio information session. This session will begin at 3:45pm in the Lemon Scented Studio. Parents of students in the Lemon Scented Studio are invited to attend. I will run through how we approach learning in the studio, including independent learning, action planning and real life learning activities. This is also a great opportunity to ask me any questions you might have or address any concerns. If you are unable to attend, please don't hesitate to see me and we can organise another time. Parents can also contact me via email at simmons.janet.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

If parents have any issues or concerns please let me know and we can organise a time to meet. We are currently working on a unit in Math and Economics called Money Matters. As part of this unit we are breaking down and exploring aspects of dockets/receipts & invoices, grasping GST (including calculating percentages), investigating basic banking and exploring budgeting and financial planning. As part of this unit students have been asked to bring in a shopping docket/receipt and a shopping catalogue.

As we have a few sporting events coming up, as part of our brain breaks students will be participating in various running activities to help prepare students in the lead up to these sports events. Could parents please ensure students wear suitable running footwear every day, no boots! If your child is unable to run due to injury could you please send a note to school to let me know. Like all class activities I do ask all students to participate. If your child chooses not to participate in these running events and they do not have a note that is fine, I certainly won't force it, however they may miss out on special class activities such as class rewards.

Grade 6 jumpers and t-shirt are still another week away.
Looking forward to a great year in the 5/6 Lemon Scented Studio
Mrs T ☺



I hope all our families, students and friends had a great holiday break! It's great to be back teaching at L.B.P.S for another year.
For Art this term we are going back to basics, looking at the fundamentals to art making - the art elements (line, colour, shape, value, space, form and texture).

Refreshing our knowledge of these components will help us throughout the year to create high-quality works that have the opportunity to be displayed in the *Second Annual Little Bendigo Art Show!* which will take place in Term 4.

Art Awards will also be given to a student from each class every Friday at the end of art class.

We are also introducing Performing Arts into our specialist subjects from Term 2, in preparation for our school concert.

Miss G

Midlands Swimming Competition

Please see information below in relation to Swimming Meet. Contact Mr Smith if your child is interested. Vanessa has once again offered to donate her time to help coordinate this.



SOVEREIGN AND EUREKA DIVISION SWIMMING SPORTS

50m Events- Thursday 27th February, 2020.

EUREKA AQUATIC CENTRE 50M POOL:

DOORS OPEN AT 8:45am for a 9:30am start

AGE OF SWIMMER AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 2020 FOR ALL EVENTS

Girls	Boys	Age	Event
1	2	9/10 year old	50m Breaststroke (1:10.00)
3	4	11 year old	50m Breaststroke (1:08.00)
5	6	12/13 year old	50m Breaststroke (60.00 secs)
7	8	9/10 year old	50m Butterfly (1:10.00)
9	10	11 year old	50m Butterfly (60.00 secs)
11	12	12/13 year old	50m Butterfly (52.00 secs)
13	14	9/10 year old	50m Freestyle (52.00 secs)
15	16	11 year old	50m Freestyle (48.00 secs)
17	18	12/13 year old	50m Freestyle (45.00 secs)

Proposed Lunch break – approx. 20 minutes

19	20	9/10 year old	50m Backstroke (60.00 secs)
21	22	11 year old	50m Backstroke (58.00 secs)
23	24	12/13 year old	50m Backstroke (55.00 secs)
25	26	9 - 13 year old	4 x 50m Medley Relay
27	28	9/10 year old	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
29	30	11 year old	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
31	32	12/13 year old	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay

PLEASE NOTE:

- **EACH SWIMMER MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM THE QUALIFYING TIMES IN BRACKETS NEXT TO EVENT**
- Schools must submit qualifying times for swimmers (these can be SV times or school trial times)
- Entry is \$10 per swimmer – which allows swimmers to compete in a maximum of 2 individual events, 1 Freestyle relay and 1 Medley relay
- Programs will be available for purchase upon entry
- **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

The first two swimmers from each individual event and the first two relay teams in each event will progress through to the Regional Swimming to be held in Horsham on Friday the 20th of March.

ENTRIES DUE THURSDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2020 - by 5:00pm

Newsletter Opt in

This week is the last paper copy newsletter sent to every family. If you would like to continue to receive a printed copy please notify the office, via email, phone call, or returning this section. Thanks.

We would like to receive a printed copy of the newsletter.

Family Name: _____

Eldest child: _____ Class: _____

The Book Club Experience

Book Club provides families with a convenient way to bring the best in children's literature into their homes. Each issue contains curated, age-appropriate titles that have been carefully selected and levelled by a dedicated team of professional booklovers.



Scholastic operates on a unique model, proudly partnering with Australian schools and educators. As well as bridging the important class-to-home reading gap, Book Club also benefits Australian schools—for every Book Club order placed, Scholastic gives back 20% of the order spend to schools to purchase valuable educational resources via its Scholastic Rewards program.

Families can order books online through "School Loop" or hand orders in a clearly named envelop (with cash payments only) to the office or classroom teachers.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Tuaine in the Lemon Scented Studio or via email at simmons.janet.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

Issue 1 has been sent home and orders are due by **Monday 17th February**

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Starting next Tuesday, Mr Earl Leonard, will be commencing private music lessons in the school's library. If there is anyone wishing to enrol their child/children in private guitar, keyboard or singing lessons please see Tammy Attard or send in the form below. The private lessons will be held on Tuesdays for the rest of the term at a cost of \$25 for 30 minutes. If there are any queries please see Tammy.

I, would like to enrol my

child..... in;

Please circle music lesson choice:

1. Guitar lessons

2. Singing lessons

3. Keyboard lessons