

Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 1 Week 8



NEWS

Dear Families,

The last week has been challenging and constantly evolving in the wake of the Coronavirus, for the entire community and for our school. I would like to thank our families for their understanding and support of each other in these times.

As you are aware, schools continue to operate as normal, unless directed otherwise by the Department of Education (DET). Excursions have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. Our House Athletics Day has been postponed, but will be rescheduled at a suitable time later in the year. Over the next week and the holiday period, I will keep families updated when I receive information from the Department of Education, via Compass.

At the school, we continue our strong focus on reminding and monitoring personal hygiene practices, including regular washing of hands and disinfecting of classrooms and common areas.

If your child is unwell, please let us know via a phone call or lodging an absence note on Compass.

Learning from Home

Our teachers are working to support student learning as much as possible, if students are at home unwell or for an extended period.

In the event of a school closure, teachers have plans in place to support and keep in regular contact with students and parents via Compass and/or email. Due to the different learning needs of the students in each class, and their differing ages, this may be a combination of emailed or printed material from your child's teacher or a combination of printed work or e-learning activities (e.g. Essential Assessment).

Please contact me either in person, by phone or by email, if you have any questions.

Have a great weekend!

Anthony Tait

Principal

CFA VISIT (UPDATE)

While we were organising our Free Dress Day for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal, we were also in contact with our local CFA station to schedule a visit from them to help educate our students about fire safety. However, we have been advised that the CFA is suspending all non-essential community engagement for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19. We look forward to arranging a visit later in the year.

Important Dates:

2020

Wed 25th Mar

Family Fun Night

5pm – 7pm **CANCELLED**

Fri 27th Mar

Last Day of Term 1

2:30pm finish

Tues 14th April

First Day of Term 2

Monday 20th April

Book Fair starts

**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

Reminder:

Please return Annual
Permissions form before
end of term.

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It has been an interesting week that is for sure! Thanks to everyone for their understanding during these uncertain times.

Students have been busily working away on essential assessment most of the week to ensure that there are set tasks for them to complete in mathematics if it comes to it. During writing sessions students have been learning about persuasive writing, students have chosen topics this week and discussed their arguments.



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This week students have continued to work on their individual reading, writing and math goals and have completed a variety of assessment tasks. It makes me so proud to see how much, not only the students' academic, but also social and emotional growth has developed and improved over the course of the term. Students have also engaged in a variety of math games to help improve and further develop strategic thinking and automatic recall of number facts to 20. A special mention to Pip and Hanna for outstanding application of their punctuation knowledge to create fantastic stories during Big Write.

We have had such a great term (and delicious!) during our specialist subject of cooking. The students have learnt newly acquired skills and applied them to make a variety of items, including; jelly, spiders, fruit kebabs, decorated biscuits and pancakes. A special mention to Eisha who applied her newly learnt skills to cook pancakes for her family. The cooking specialist program will recommence in term 4. For terms 2 and 3 the specialist program will be music.



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What a busy week it has been. I wanted to say a big thank you to all parents who came to parent teacher interviews on Wednesday. It was wonderful to catch up and share all the buzzes we are already having this year. A big shout out to the Foundation/Grade 1 students during our Big Write and writing sessions. Foundation students have been working super hard on their writing skills and producing their sentences for their stories. Grade 1 students have been focusing on planning their stories, writing very creative stories and then editing their own work. Fabulous efforts from all students. As we have a few students away Compass will have learning tasks posted to our classroom feed and I have also put together some activity packs for students to complete if your child is at home. I will send hard copies home with children today and I will also email these packs to all Foundation and Grade 1 students as well. For Grade 1 students all Essential Assessment codes will be sent home today and if you need an additional copy at all please feel free to email me through Compass.

Congratulations on this week's Academic Excellence Awards:

Auron for his amazing efforts on his M100 spelling test

Scarlett for working hard on her editing skills. Super star!!

Enjoy your weekend Foundation and Grade 1 families and don't forget to sing Happy Birthday twice when washing your hands and remember the slow motion sneeze video we watched (Miss D is laughing out loud). See you all next week.

Miss D ☺

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

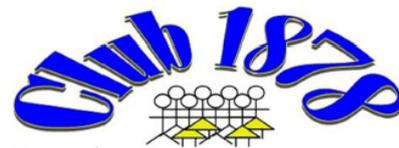
The Lemon Scented studio will be selling second hand school uniforms from the old building and will be open every second Thursday. Any parents wishing to shop for second hand uniform can do so on these afternoons. All uniform will be marked at \$1 or \$2.



We still have some uniform available that we are no longer stocking in our Uniform Store. These are only available until sold out.

Vest: \$14	Sizes: 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 4
Windcheater with waistband: \$13	Sizes: 12, 10, 4
Jacket: \$28	Sizes: 12, 10
Shorts: \$9	Sizes: 16, 12, 10, 6, 4
Traditional Skort: \$10	sizes: 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4
Track pants (no cuff): \$13	sizes: 14, 12, 10, 8, 4
Legionnaire hat: \$6	(one size)
Polar Fleece beanie (no logo): \$4	(one size)

Coming in Term 2



Ballarat's

**LITTLE BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL
OUTSIDE-OF-SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

Located at -

Little Bendigo Primary School,
8 Monte Street, Nerrina, Ballarat.

Located five minutes from Central Ballarat, situated on the edge of a tranquil bush setting with an abundance of opportunities for kids to grow and enhance their learning experiences.

Holiday Program Activities Schedule

April 2020

For as little as \$11.10 per day

after the CCS amount has been applied to the daily charge. All families need to ensure your child/ren are registered on the my.gov.au website.

Advert amount is not typical for every family. Families are encouraged to contact Centrelink to confirm amounts applicable for the individual family.

Not specific to children of Little Bendigo Primary School or that attend OSHC, but open to all Primary School aged children.

so spread the word about our excellent service in your community.

Eureka Mums “One Mother to Another” Campaign

Let a mother know you're thinking of her on Mother's Day. She might be living in a refuge, her house may have burnt down, she might be homeless. You can help her feel supported this Mother's Day. Your gift might be the only one she receives. You may also wish to add a card with a message to a fellow Mum.

Some ideas are a:

- Toothbrush and toothpaste, floss
- Hairbrush, hair ties, comb
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Soap and body wash
- Tampons/pads
- Sunscreen
- Body and face moisturiser
- Cleanser, eye makeup remover
- Deodorant
- Face wipes
- Hand cream
- Lip balm
- Tissues, band aids, basic first aid
- Toiletry bags are also appreciated to bundle up all of the products

Eureka Mums volunteers will check the items to ensure they are appropriate and your gift will then be distributed by social workers and maternal child health nurses to mums in need. Where necessary, we will combine your gift with other items. Often these gifts are given to children so that they have something special for their mum on Mother's Day.

Little Bendigo PS will have a donation collection box up until
Friday April 24th next to the sign in desk.