

Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 1 Week 1



Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas, New Year and holiday break!

It is great to see all the smiling faces, as students see their friends again after the holidays. We are all looking forward to a more normal year, with incursions, excursions, swimming, school concert and camps being planned again.

Yesterday, our student leaders were presented with their school captain and house captain badges. Student leadership roles provide great experience in public speaking, organising and supporting others. I know that Farris, Alyssa, Maddy, Poppy, Rex, Amelia, Hamish and Brayden will represent our school and their fellow students well this year.

Our specialist program this year includes, Art, Chinese and Respectful Relationships taught by Mrs Tuaine. Sport and Physical Education will be taught by Mr Brown. Our classroom teachers have planned a comprehensive and engaging integrated studies program, covering Science, History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship.

We have recently updated our library catalogue system (thanks Michelle and Robyn) and each class has their own classroom library, with books chosen and sorted by students in each class. Each class has a scheduled library time each week to borrow books.

Our newsletter is posted on Compass every Friday and also emailed to parents. Parents can enter absence details, approve excursions and view reports. News updates from the school are also posted on Compass, as this is the most immediate way the school can communicate with families. Please contact us if you require assistance with using Compass.

Michelle is in the office on Monday, Thursday and Friday. This is the best time to make school fee and account enquiries or to purchase school uniform.

Our school assembly is held on Monday at 9:00am. These will be held in the top undercover area due to COVID restrictions, to allow for social distancing. They will not be held if it is raining. Parents and families are welcome to attend.

Have a great weekend!
Anthony Tait

Important Dates: **2021**

February

Mon 1st – Foundation students first day at school

Wed 10th – 11th

Life Ed Van visits

Fri 12th

Big Breakfast

Wed 17th

Family Picnic

Fri 26th

School Cross Country

**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



Grade 2

I hope everyone had a fantastic and relaxing school break. It was great to see all the students back at school running around, smiling and laughing with their friends.

READING: Yesterday students were all handed a new green reader record/ log book and a home reader. To keep our home readers in great condition can everyone please bring their blue reader bags back to school. In the Peppermint Gums Studio it is expected that students read a minimum of 4 nights per week and parents to sign at least once a week in the comments section. Students reader bags, reader record/log book and reader are expected to be brought to school on a daily basis. Every Friday student's reader record/log books will need to be handed into Mrs Attard so I can record student's home reading. Student's who do not hand in their reader record/log book on a Friday or read a minimum of 4 nights per week will engage in an extra hour of reading the following week (during class time).

HOMEWORK: Homework will begin in week three.

SEESAW: Seesaw will be up and running, beginning week 4. From week 4 all students will post a piece of work they are really proud of and I will also post the weekly class timetable. Depending on the week, some homework will be set via Seesaw.

If there are any queries please don't hesitate to catch me at the gate, email me at Tammy.Attard@education.vic.gov.au or call the school on 53326317.

OUR SCHOOL LEADERS:





Senior Students (Years-3-6)

Ms Finch, Ms Taylor and Mr Brown are absolutely pumped for this year's senior classroom and we are so looking forward to having you all back at school. This year senior students will be given a diary, in grade 3/4/5 this is an actual diary, in grade 5/6 it is a reading log. We ask that the students complete four nights of reading per week and return the diary (signed weekly by a parent/guardian) on Friday to be checked by the teacher.

Students will be rewarded for completing this task and remaining organised.

Students who return the signed diary on Friday will be rewarded with a Class Dojo point, an additional Dojo point will be awarded for 4 nights of reading and/or completing non-compulsory homework.

We hope that the diaries assist the students in reading regularly, learning about days, weeks and months and promote organisation skills.

We would like to thank-you in advance for your on-going support and look forward to a great 2021.

The Senior Team.

Stingers Soccer

Students who wish to play "Stingers" soccer this year at Major League read on!

Trevor from Major League is wanting to start the Saturday morning competition on Saturday the 6th of February. The initial competition will go for approximately 10 weeks.



Game times are as follows:

9:20 am -Prep/Grade 1/Grade 2

10:00am- Grade 3/Grade 4

10:40am- Grade 5/ Grade 6

Cost: \$10 per student per game.

We need 6 players in one category to field a team.

The game times are locked in for every Saturday and should **not** change.

If any parents are available to help coach/organise the teams that would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Mr Brown via email nicholas.brown@education.vic.gov.au or by ringing the school if your child would like to play. I'll have more information in the coming weeks as I know how many players we have and if we can field a team.

From the Office:

A reminder for students to bring a named drink bottle, hat and their own cutlery for lunch. To be covid-safe we are trying not to share. Thank you.





Welcome back to school Foundation and Grade 1 families!!!! I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and some very special time together with your families. Our grade 1 students started back this week and have had a wonderful time learning in the grade 2 room with Mrs Attard and Jo, while I have been sitting our Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Interviews.

Monday our new Foundation students have their very first day of school and we are all feeling very excited for a special journey together this year.

Term 1 and term 4 students are required to wear a hat during outside play times and sport. Please ensure your hat has your name on it and if you would like your hat to have a sleep over at school, you can keep it in your locker. Bubble taps are available at school, it is also strongly encouraged all students have a labeled drink bottle daily. It is very important to keep our bodies and our brain hydrated through out the day.

On Monday students will go home with their reader log book and a reader level book. Every night that you and your child read, could you please fill the reader log and return both the book and log to school daily. A minimum four nights of a week of reading is strongly recommended to support your child's literacy both at home and in the classroom. Foundation students will also have a copy of alphabet to support their letter sound recognition.

Wishing all the Stringybark and Little Bendigo PS families a fabulous weekend, see you on Monday.
Miss D 😊



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