

Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 1 Week 5



It was nice to have a full week at school this week and the atmosphere amongst students is very positive!

Our Cross Country competition is all set to go next Thursday. Students and staff will travel to and from Russell Square by bus. Our students have been building up their stamina during sport lessons over the last few weeks and we are all looking forward to a great day of friendly competition. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours: Monte (Red), Hillcrest (Yellow), Lofven (Blue). The house with the most points will be awarded the LBPS Cross Country Shield!

At our meeting last week, our school council approved plans for the new playground, which we hope will be installed over the holidays. School council has also approved an EFTPOS facility, which will give parents added convenience when making payments at the school.

Nominations for parent members on our school council close at 4:00pm on Monday 1st March. Nomination forms are available from the school office. This year we have five parent member vacancies. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies, an election will be held.

Our Stingers Soccer teams play again tomorrow and I look forward to being there to cheer them on.

Have a great weekend!

Anthony Tait



FROM THE OFFICE:

Please note the following:

- **Parent Payments for Essential Learning Items.**

The 2021 Parent Payment letter is attached to the newsletter. We ask that payment be made by the end of term 1. Family statements will be out shortly. Thank you for your support.

- **Annual Permissions Form 2021**

A form has gone home today with all eldest students in the family. Please complete and return to the office.

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Form (CSEF)**

Any family who holds a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. Form is attached to this newsletter on Compass or see the office.

- **Conveyance Allowance**

Families who reside 4.8km or more from the school (and LBPS is their closest school) are eligible for this allowance. Please see Michelle.

Important Dates:

2021

March

Thurs 4th

School Cross Country

Friday 5th:

Dental Van re-visit.

Mon 8th

Labour Day 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

Grade Foundation, One



Super week Foundation/Grade 1 students. During our reading sessions we have been building our reading stamina and we are already independently reading for up to 10 minutes!!!! How clever are we?

Foundation students are well into learning our LetterLand characters to support their letter/sound recognition. We learnt about Sammy Snake, Ticking Tess, Noisy Nick and Harry Hat Man this week, super work on your sounds this week Foundation students and keep practicing them at home!!!

Grade 1 students have been working very hard on their spelling blends for their initial sounds. Fr words have been our focus and they have been using different strategies to practice their words which include chalk writing, sentences and rainbow writing.

Numeracy we have Essential Assessment in full swing and our new Foundation students are little champs at using this platform. This week they have learnt how to use a computer and navigate their way through pre-tests and learning goals. Outstanding!!!! Students all completed their pre-testing on shape ready to begin our unit on shape next week. Let's see what shapes we can find when we are out and about this weekend.

Congratulation on our Academic Excellent Awards this week:

River for showing great care for our school environment and picking it clean and tidy. Outstanding!!

Alban for being kind and caring to his friends. Super Alban!!

Wishing you all a wonderful and enjoyable weekend.

Miss D ☺

Grade Three, Four, Five



It's has been another great week in the classroom and it's fantastic to have the students back for the full week.

Ms Taylor and I have been very impressed by the work ethic displayed by the students so far this year. We have just completed a post-assessment on the students for place value. The results were very positive and showed excellent growth across the board. We have had fun this week learning about adverbs, editing our BIG Write stories, playing greedy pig and beginning to focus on number patterns.

Last week we decided as a studio not to have a student of the week due to the lockdown and short amount of time spent at school. Stay tuned for next week. We have our eye on some potential candidates.

Homework is updated and available at the classroom door. Please continue the routine with reading and the diaries. It is working well so far.

Have nice weekend,

Ms Taylor and Mr Brown



Grade Five, Six

What a week in the 5/6 class. Everyone is having a go at everything and the work the students are producing is of great quality.

Well done to our student of the week this week, Alicia! Alicia has been a superstar in class, giving 110% in her tasks, particularly writing. She has been working hard at completing homework as well. Well done Alicia!!

A reminder that diaries and due each Friday, and homework can be handed in any time (or posted on seesaw). Well done to those who are handing in these consistently!

Have a great weekend everyone

ART NEWS

Just a reminder to families to supply either an art smock or apron for Art. Water proof smocks and aprons are recommended. Please clearly name these as they will be in class tubs and kept at school.

Photo Frame Donations

If families have any old or unused photo frames they could donate to the art room, we would greatly appreciate.

All sizes, shapes and colours will be accepted. We just ask that the frames are in good condition, with no broken or cracked glass please. Donations can be left at the office or with Mrs. Tuaine in the old school building.

Thanks Mrs. Tuaine😊



The logo for Club 187, featuring the text 'Club 187' in a stylized, blue, cursive font. Below the text is a small graphic of three stylized figures holding hands.

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Stingers Soccer!

Last Saturday we had 14 students take part in the first game for the stingers at Major League. This was a great turn out for our first weekend of training and games.

Results-

Stingers A and Stingers B both lost their first round matches, however everyone had fun. It is important to keep in mind that some players have never played before and are just beginning their soccer careers!

Thank-you to the parents for getting the children there to play and for helping to organise the uniforms and teams. Mr Tait, Trevor from Major League and myself are very grateful for your efforts.

Cheers,

Mr Brown

Stingers Soccer! This Saturday 27th of February.

Major League: 502 Howitt Street, Soldiers Hill, VIC, 3350.

Game Cost: \$10 Training Cost: Free

- Please see Mr Tait if you have not collected a Stingers uniform.

All players welcome to attend the training session at 9am.

Trevor from Major League along with parent helpers will be there to help organise and coordinate teams. Mr Tait will also be there this week to assist with teams and cheer on our students!

Below are the proposed teams for this Saturday. The teams may be subject to change over the course of the season.

Based on the advice from Major League two players from our senior side will play and assist the junior team each week, I will rotate these players as best I can so that everyone in the senior team can play two games at some point. One senior will be on the field and one in goals to help the young players learn the game. Students who are playing two games still only pay the one game fee of \$10.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at the school on 5332 6317 or via email

nicholas.brown@education.vic.gov.au

Stingers A	Stingers B	Stingers C
1. Lucas 2. Hamish 3. Kaleb 4. Seth O 5. Eisha 6. Will 7. Elijah 8. Maddy	1. Nate 2. Jye 3. Tom 4. Pip 5. Liam 6. Arthur 7. Ashton 8. Cooper 9. Lucas (field) 10. Hamish (goalie)	1. Gemma 2. Alyssa L 3. Fred
<u>Game Time: 10:20am</u>	<u>Game Time: 9:45am</u>	<u>Training Time: 9am</u>

Thank-you and good-luck on Saturday,
Mr Brown.

Dear parents, guardians and students,

On Monday 01/03/21 we will be holding a dance session, this is now going to become a weekly activity for all students. Members of the dance club will teach down at the old building from 1:30 – 2:00 any students who are interested are welcome to join us. Please note that more information will be given by Alyssa at assembly on Monday any questions or comments will be answered there. There will also be a weekly dance award given to the student who is giving everything a go with a great attitude. Photos will be added to the newsletter next week when we do our first session taught by Indy and Chelsea.

Yours sincerely,

Poppy and Jaspa from the dance club.

Dear parents and guardians,

On the 22/02/21 the War on Waste part 1 was playing in the old building, 11 people attended and all stayed. This activity was successful thanks to the people who came. We will be watching part 2 next Tuesday in the old building again. The Eco Club was very impressed with River S. for picking up all the rubbish in the school. Maddy will tell all the students next assembly anyone can attend. I will remind you again it is held in the old building 1:30 – 2:00 and there is a limit of 11 people as there is only so much room in the old building.

I will leave this fact with you: over 2.3 million coffee cups are dumped a year.

Thanks, Eco Club

L.B.P.S. BULB FUNDRAISER



We are holding a bulb fundraiser. Spring bulbs are easy to grow and need minimal care in the garden. So whether you are a green thumb or brown, they are a great choice. Catalogues are coming home with students today. Encourage your family and friends to purchase. Go ON-LINE to place your order at:

www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/LITTLEBPS

All order will go in the draw to win a Royal Blue and Gold collection from the front page of the catalogue valued at \$37.50. Our school colors will look amazing in your garden.

We recommend you order before 16 March 2021 to avoid product sell-out.

40% of sales goes to the school to help purchase a new playground

2021 Little Bendigo PS Cross Country

Thursday 4th March, 2021 from 9:30am

Little Bendigo PS has implemented a house system within our school. We have developed three (3) house groups called the following:

- **Monte** – Monte will be red in colour. Students are encouraged to wear red when representing their house colour.
- **Hillcrest** – Hillcrest will be yellow in colour. Students are encouraged to wear yellow when representing their house colour.
- **Lofven** – Lofven will be blue in colour. Students are encouraged to wear blue when representing their house colour.

The house system will assist us identify students to participate at the **Wathaurung Cross Country to be held on Friday 12th March, 2021** and other future sporting events.

I am pleased to announce the 2021 leaders within their house groups:

Position	Lofven	Monte	Hillcrest
Captain	Amelia Middleton	Poppy Fitzpatrick	Hamish Andrews
Captain	Rex Hodge	Maddy Rolls	Brayden Steele
Teachers in charge	Ms Taylor & Ms De Angelis & Mrs Westlake (Lisa)	Mrs Attard & Mr Brown & Ms Finch	Mrs Tuaine & Mr Tait & Ms Bent (Jo)

The following schedule will operate for the 2021 Little Bendigo PS Cross Country to be held on Thursday the 4th of March at Russel Square. The races will start/end on the bottom oval near the change room. The course will be around and within the Russel Square facility.

Age Group	Time	Distance	Effort Time
7yo	10:00am	1km	7 minutes
8yo	10:20am	1km	7 minutes
5/6yo	10:40am	1km	7 minutes
9yo	11:00am	2km	14 minutes
10yo	11:30pm	2km	14 minutes
11yo	12:00pm	3km	20 minutes
12+yo	12:30pm	3km	20 minutes

Note: Presentations of winning house will be conducted at the completion of the final race.

Presentation of ribbons will occur at the completion of the 12+ event around 1pm.

Note 1: **BOYS AND GIRLS FROM THE SAME AGE GROUP WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SAME RACE** but results will be shown separately after the finish.

Note 2: I will be looking for some parents to assist on the day, if any parents are able to assist, can they please come and see me (Mr Brown) or email via nicholas.brown@education.vic.gov.au

Note 3: **Parents are more than welcome to attend to watch their child/ren participate in the cross country day.**

Note 4: **All attendees please adhere to current social distancing measures.**

Russell Square (East Ballarat) Running Track



Note 1: The above picture is a photo of the current running track at Russel Square (outlined in yellow). The pink arrows indicate the direction of the track. The track is 1km in distance. 5,6,7 & 8yo will do 1 lap, 9 & 10yo will complete 2 laps while 11 & 12+yo will complete 3 laps of the track. The race will begin and finish from the clubrooms of the Ballarat North Soccer Club.

You will also see I have labelled “point areas” in “white” eg: point 1, 2 etc these are the points where we will need to have staff/parents located. There will also be pink arrows on the track (between marshals) so students know which way to run.

If you have any additional questions in relation to the “house groups” or the cross country day, please feel free to contact me or come in and see me.

Regards, Mr Brown and the Little Bendigo staff