

# Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 1 Week 2



## Principal News:

Welcome to the 2022 school year!

Ten new students commenced in Foundation (Prep) and we also have new students enrolled in Grades 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. We are pleased to have our new students and their families, join our school community.

I would also like to welcome Berhne to our team. Berhne is working with Miss D to support our Prep/Grade 1 class.

It has been an exciting first week and all of our students are settling in well to the school year.

## Stingers Soccer:

I am seeking expressions of interest from students in Foundation to Grade 3 to join our Junior Stingers Soccer Team. The team plays at Major League (Howitt St) on Saturday morning at 9:45am and the cost is \$10 per child per week. Please contact me if your child would like to join or leave a message with Michelle Pryor in the school office. If your child was playing last year, but is not joining this year, please return the Stingers shirt to the school office, so we can redistribute them.

## Lunch Orders:

A new lunch order price list will be sent home with students early next week. Lunch orders start next Friday and orders are due at the school office on Thursday. Please write your child's order on an envelope or paper bag with the correct amount in cash.

## Privacy Policy:

The Department of Education has a policy that schools follow to ensure student and parent information is kept private and only used by a school in certain circumstances. The policy is distributed to the school community at the start of each year and is included in today's newsletter.

## COVID Reminder:

COVID precautions are still in place at schools, including increased ventilation, air purifiers and masks. Students in Grades 3 to 6 are required to bring a mask from home to wear while inside. It is recommended that students in Foundation to Grade 2 also wear masks.

If your child tests positive using a Rapid Antigen Test, please contact the school and register the result on the Department of Health website. Students who test positive (or are a household contact of a positive case) are required to isolate at home for 7 days and can return to school if they are symptom free on Day 8. We will continue to notify the school community if a positive case has attended the school.

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## Important Dates:

### TERM 1 2022:

#### Thur 10 Feb

Lunch orders start

#### Mon 14 Feb

School Council Meeting

#### Mon 21 Feb:

BookClub orders due

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

Please contact the school every day your child is away.

On the Compass Portal

Phone: 5332 6317

Email: see above

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**School Council:**

Our school council is comprised of parents, staff and a community member. The first meeting for the year will be held via Zoom on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February, with a further seven meetings to be held during the year. School Council helps set the broad direction of the school, facilitates fundraising and allows parents to have input into some school decisions. This year we have 3 parent vacancies and a notice to nominate will be distributed to parents in the next couple of weeks.

Have a great weekend!

Anthony Tait



Welcome to Little Bendigo 2022 Foundation and Grade 1 families. I hope you all enjoyed your break, and it has been a wonderful week in the Stringybark Gums Studio. A big congratulations to our new foundation students on a fabulous first week of school and welcome to Campbell in who is our new Grade 1 student. We are delighted to welcome you all to our school community and are very excited to share this special year together. The beginning of term, we are establishing our new school routines and our Foundation and

Grade 1 students are very excited to be learning lots of new things. We will be setting our goals for this year next week, each student will choose what they would like to achieve for 2022 and I am sure throughout the year, our students will achieve many goals and it will be wonderful to see the joy of their success throughout the year. We will have some happy snaps from our first week, in next week's newsletter and there will be many more happy snaps throughout the year.

Have a wonderful weekend Stringybark families, see you all Monday.

Miss D 😊



Welcome back! We have had a great start to the year in the Peppermint Gums classroom. This week the students in grades 1 and 2 have been working on establishing our routine and understanding expectations. We have had a big focus on talking about our emotions

and identifying ways to regulate our feelings in the classroom to help and support our learning. After recess and lunch, we have been engaging in some mindfulness using the app smiling minds. This is helping us re-center and regulate our emotions. We have been working on building our growth mindset, making sure we working collaboratively with our friends, sharing and talking positively with others.

During literacy we have been working on practicing our handwriting, making sure we are forming our letters correctly. We have been practicing our M100 and M200 words to help us become more confident readers and exploring our alphabet dominoes by matching the starting letter with the word or picture. During numeracy we have been working on our fluency with addition, using our addition strategies counting on and using our fingers.

We have spent this week settling into our space, and we will spend next week setting our goals for the year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me [sarah.burns4@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sarah.burns4@education.vic.gov.au).

Have a fantastic weekend. 😊



The Blue Gums Studio is off to a flying start. We have already begun to settle into routine. I am really looking forward to a fabulous year. Reader records haven't yet been sent home, this will begin next week. Students are asked to read for 10-15 minutes (or longer) each night if possible otherwise at least 3 nights a week. I encourage students to read what they enjoy, however as explained to the students a variety of genres is encouraged from both fiction and non-fiction texts.

#### 10 Benefits of Reading-

- ✓ Children who read often and widely get better at it.
- ✓ Reading exercises our brain.
- ✓ Reading improves concentration.
- ✓ Reading teaches children about the world around them.
- ✓ Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.
- ✓ Reading develops a child's imagination.
- ✓ Reading helps children to develop empathy.
- ✓ Reading is a fun.



An important part of the Literacy curriculum in our Blue Gums studio is 'Big Write'. 'Big Write' is an exciting and effective way of encouraging children to think about four key areas for developing both their spoken and written language: Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. Children take part in a variety of oral and written activities and games to develop their skills in these areas.

As part of this work children in the Blue Gums will complete a piece of writing once a fortnight on a Thursday morning.

Research shows that children need to develop confidence in using language verbally before they can use it in their writing. In order for children to produce their best writing they are encouraged to discuss the topic in advance. Discussion work always forms a key part of our 'Big Write' sessions.

A couple of days before their writing, children will be given information about the Thursday's task. I ask that children discuss the topic with an adult/family member at home, in preparation for their writing. This is a discussion only! Children who complete their 'Writing Topic Talk' regularly feel more confident in tackling their written tasks.

You will find below some hints to help with Writing Topic Talk. If you have any questions at all regarding Big Write, please feel free to contact me – [janet.tuaine@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:janet.tuaine@education.vic.gov.au)

#### SOME HINTS FOR A TOPIC TALK:

- Encourage as many family members as possible to be involved in the conversation.
- Make it an enjoyable activity.
- Switch off the television & tech to try to ensure that this is dedicated talking and listening time.
- Begin a conversation by modelling... "I think that... because ..."
- Ask other family members to give their ideas, opinions and reasons why.
- Encourage thinking about exciting words to use to make their writing more interesting

The best way to communicate with myself if you have any issues or concerns throughout the year is via email. However, feel free to call the school and leave a message and I will call you back as soon as I can. Looking forward to the year ahead.

Yours sincerely – Mrs. Tuaine

# Book Club

Book Club Issue 1 has been sent home this week. Orders are due back to school by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2022.**

## HOW TO ORDER

Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school. Parents can complete the catalogue order form and return order and correct money to school in a clearly labeled envelop with Book Club and your child's name.

Alternatively, LOOP is also an easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](http://scholastic.com.au/loop)

- 1 If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.

The books are delivered to your child's classroom.

For any enquires please email Mrs. Tuaine at [janet.tuaine@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:janet.tuaine@education.vic.gov.au) or contact Michelle in the office.

## Well-Being & Engagement News Yard Raffle

As part of Little Bendigo Primary School's school wide positive behaviour plan, and staff wanting to promote and recognise positive behaviours and respectful relationships we will continue our Yard Behaviour Raffle.

Teachers who are on yard duty will be diligently observing student's positive behaviours in the yard and writing out raffle tickets to students who are cooperative, kind, caring & inclusive or care for our environment or carry out great sportsmanship and/or other acts of positive behaviour. A raffle is then drawn each week during assembly and the two lucky students whose name are drawn receive an incentive award.

### 2022 Term Dates:

Term 1: Mon 31<sup>st</sup> January – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2: Tue 26<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3: Mon 11<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Tue 20<sup>th</sup> December



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This week all students focused on exploring and experimenting with paper weaving. Please see some of their wonderful weaving patterns below.

### Grade Prep and One



### Grade Five and Six





Grade 3



Grade One and Two

