Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 3

Principal News:
Congratulations to our school and house captains who were presented with their badges on Monday. This was an exciting part of our first student assembly for the year. Check out the photos in today's newsletter.

Next Tuesday, Miss Finch's class are heading to Ecolinc for the Seeds for Schools Program to learn more about native seeds and plant propagation. The Seeds for Schools Program is a year long program for our Grade 4 to 6 students, involving a visit to Ecolinc and Ecolinc staff visiting our school later in the year, to work with students to replenish native plants in our school gounds.

Dates have been set for our house cross-country and house athletics. Cross-country is scheduled for Thursday 10th March at Russell Square. Students will travel to and from Russell Square by bus in the morning (times to be confirmed). Our house athletics is scheduled for Friday 18th March and will be held in conjunction with Magpie Primary School at the C.E. Brown Reserve in Wendouree (times to be confirmed).

I thank our school community for their cooperation regarding wearing of face masks and the use of rapid antigen tests over the past couple of weeks. A reminder that students in Grades 3 to 6 are still required to wear masks indoors and parents are asked to supply a mask each day for their child.

Have a great weekend!
Anthony Tait

Important Dates:

TERM 1 2022:

Mon 14 Feb
School Council Meeting

Tue 15 Feb
Ecolinc Excursion Gr 4-6

Mon 21 Feb:
BookClub orders due

Please contact the school every day your child is away.

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Week 3 and we have hit the road running with our learning!!! Foundation students have been focusing on their LetterLand Characters this week and we have been learning about Petter Puppy, Golden Girl and Ticking Tess. Grade 1 students have been working on their digraph of ch words and they are little super stars. Numeracy we have been honing in on our number awareness of the numbers 1-20 and building on our addition strategies. Students, even the Foundation students navigated their way through Essential Assessment this week to complete pre-testing for reading, writing and number and algebra. This platform is tailored to each student with individual learning goals in all areas. Outstanding for our jr students, they did amazing.

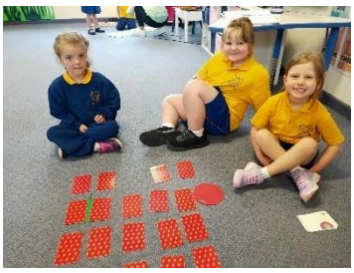
Over the coming weeks we have a science experiment that is linked to our Inquiry and Science Unit this term on Life Cycles and Living things, both Miss Burns and I ask if each student could please bring a glass jar (either a salsa jar size, chicken tonight size or a pasta size) with no label on it for our activity that will begin in the coming weeks.

Home readers are in full swing and it is wonderful to all ready see students reading every night of the week!!!! It is the perfect time to wind down together in the evening to sit and listen to you child read. Foundation students can also work on a few letters and sounds each night too.

Here are some happy snaps from our first 2 weeks of 2022, with plenty more to come throughout the year 😊

Have a delightful weekend Foundation and Grade 1 families, looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Miss D 😊



Reader records have now been sent home, students are asked to read for 10-15minutes (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. I will collect reader recorders once a fortnight to monitor students reading, levelled readers may be distributed at this time.

Thank you to families that had discussion with their child about this week's big write recount topic.

Yours sincerely – Mrs. Tuaine

The grade 4/5/6 classroom have had a fantastic start to the year and are settling into routines very well!
In class we have been setting up our independent reading and our classroom library, begun recount writing and structuring our writing correctly, and in numeracy we have had a large focus on number and place value. This term in inquiry we will be focussing on Australian Inventions, and have begun creating timelines and finding out about a variety of inventions that interest us! Today we had a meet and greet session for our 'Buddies' program, and are super excited to work with the foundation and grade one students this year!

Students received home reader diaries last week, these are due each Friday with the expectation of four nights reading each week.
Homework is also handed out weekly in the senior classroom, it is optional to take, but encouraged to get students into good routines as they move into high school in the coming years.

In week one our student of the week went to Seth for giving everything a go, working well with others, and being a superstar helper with the new foundation students! Keep it up Seth, well done!
This week our student of the week goes to Ella for her outstanding behaviour, she is setting an amazing example within the classroom as well as in the playground. Go Ella!

Have a fantastic weekend, see you all Monday!
-Miss Finch

The students in the Peppermint Gums classroom have done a fantastic job at settling and doing their very best to learn! They have all demonstrated fantastic perseverance and can do attitude to their learning. Below I have taken some photos of the students hard at work.

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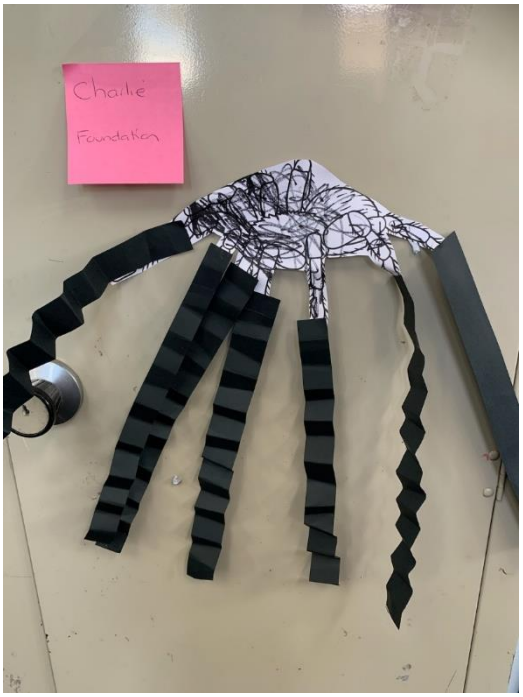
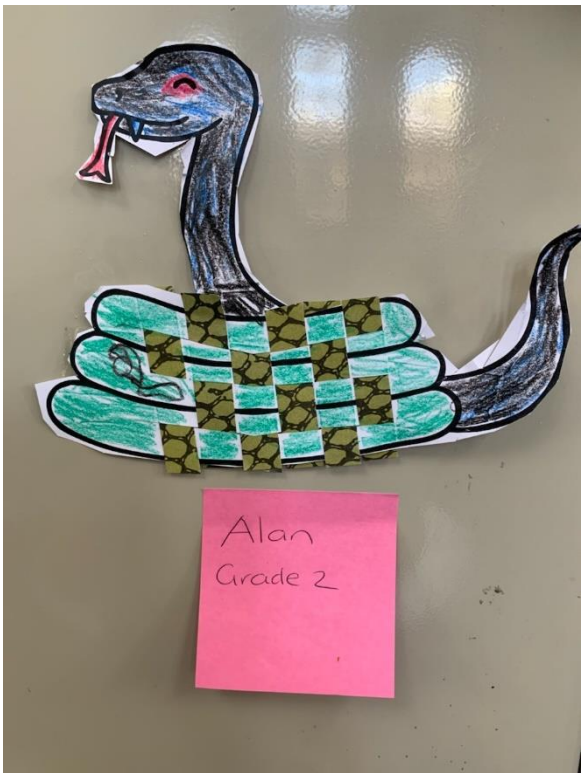
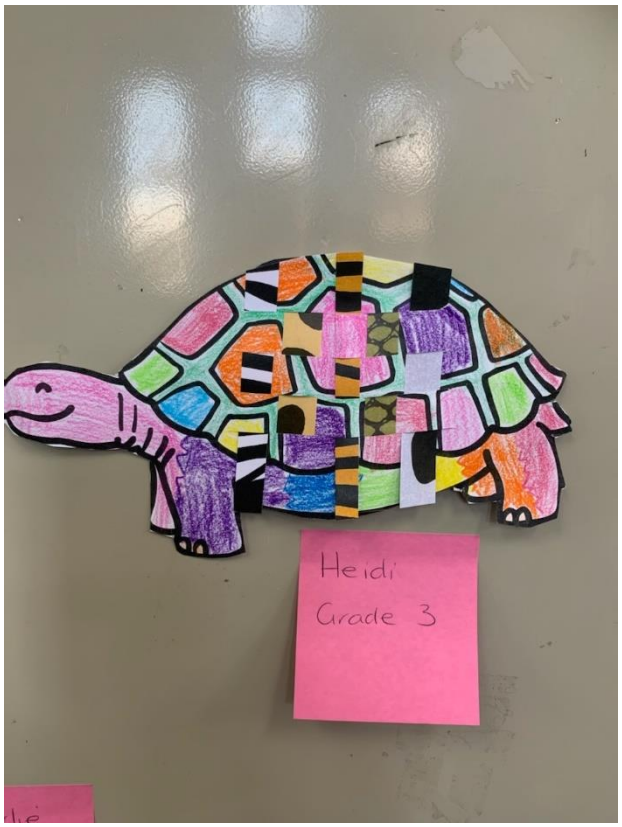
During show and tell our friend Alan shared with us his special necklace that had crunches tooth attached to it. Crunch is the crocodile at the Ballarat Wildlife Park. The students were interested to see how long Crunch was, so we measured it out in our classroom; he is almost 6 metres long, which is 4 and half of us long!
I hope you all have a fabulous weekend and enjoy the sunshine.
Miss Burns

This week's Awesomest Art







Book Club

Reminder Book Club Issue 1 is due back to school by Monday 21st February, 2022.

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.

For any enquires please email Mrs. Tuaine at janet.tuaine@edumail.vic.gov.au or contact Michelle in the office.

Stingers Soccer!

Major League: 502 Howitt Street
Game Cost: $10

STINGERS B (9:45am) Saturday
Kaycee
Jack
Ashton
Tom
Amelie
Jye
Gemma
Freddie

2022 Term Dates:

Term 1: Mon 31st January – Fri 8th April

Term 2: Tue 26th April – Fri 24th June

Term 3: Mon 11th July – Fri 16th September

Term 4: Mon 3rd October – Tue 20th December

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