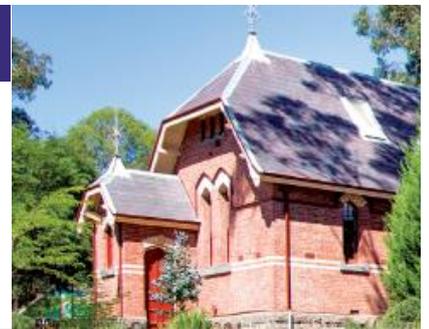


# Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 3 Week 2



This week was action packed, fun, and full of learning!

I enjoyed hearing students singing and dancing on Tuesday, when Amie Sexton was at the school. Amie will continue to work with our students one day per week this term, as they move to writing and recording their own songs. I hear they will also learn about body percussion and the mouth trumpet! I even got a chance to show off some of my dance moves!

The weather was perfect on Wednesday this week, when Ecolinc and River Detectives visited our school. Miss Finch's class planted some native grasses, bottle-brush and salt bush at the front entry of the school and also near the basketball court. They will continue to water and look after the plants as they grow. Thanks to the team from Ecolinc, who brought the plants along and worked with students to plant them. Our junior classes had the team from River Detectives bring along samples from local waterways, magnifying glasses and bug identification charts. Students were then able to see which water bugs were present in the samples.

Yesterday, our students participated in music lessons and learning about indigenous culture with Ms Williams. Our senior students are working on an inquiry project on indigenous music, and I look forward to seeing them when they are complete.

Today, Miss Finch's class visited the junior studio for 'Buddy Reading'. Our older students are doing a great job, sharing their reading and helping the juniors learn to read. Junior School Council also held a "Toastie Day" today. Today, a couple of them helped prepare and cook the toasties, and collect and count money.

Our JSC members are working with Miss Burns this term to organise a couple of other lunch day too. They will work on a roster system, so they all have a go at helping during the term. Any money raised will be spent by the JSC on equipment, resources and other fun stuff for all of our students. Our JSC members decide what to purchase from money raised.

Our next special lunch day is next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August and will be from Bakers Delight in Victoria St. Order forms will be sent home with students early next week.

Enjoy the weekend!

Anthony Tait

## Heating Lunches

On a cold day, a warm lunch is always nice!

Due to time constraints and student safety requirements, our staff are not able to heat up food for students.

Often students bring along hot dogs, party pies, soup or pasta in a thermos to keep warm until lunchtime. This is a great idea for cold days and students are able to manage this themselves at lunchtime.

## Important Dates:

### TERM 3:

**Thur 28<sup>th</sup> July**  
Book Club due

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Aug**  
Bakers Delight Lunch

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Aug**  
Science Week

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug**  
Book Week

**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



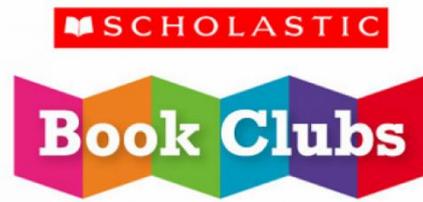
With another week done and dusted, it's crazy to think we are already two weeks into Term 3. The students have had another fantastic week back at school and have demonstrated a positive response to the high expectations we have placed upon their learning.

This week the students from the Junior Studio were visited by River Detectives on Thursday afternoon. We explored the importance of keeping our water ways clean as we put on our River Detectives hats on when we were trying to find different animals that live in our water ways. The students showed great engagement in trying to find our little water animals using magnify glasses and were very intrigued by a clever little insect that was camouflaged to look like a stick.

We have had a big focus on reading coming back into Term 3 and have spoken about the importance of reading in our learning. All students have a levelled reader, spelling words and high frequency words in their reading pouches. Each morning we look through the students reading diaries to see what our students have been practising at home, this is then recorded. Students are given DOJO points for practising reading or their spelling words at home which accumulates into free time. Free time will be on Friday afternoons after lunch for the students who are practising their reading and/or spelling at home. Students need to have read at least 3 times a week or have practised their spelling words and this needs to be recorded and signed off in their reading diaries to achieve free time on Friday afternoons.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Burns and Miss D 😊



Buy a book from  
  
 to help build  
 our classroom  
 resources



Reminder Book Club Issue 5 is due back to school by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 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](mailto:janet.tuaine@edumail.vic.gov.au) or contact Michelle in the office.



Breakfast Club will continue in Term 3:  
 Every Wednesday morning starting at 8.40am til  
 8.55am, students can enjoy a free breakfast while  
 socializing with their friends.

On Wednesday we had Ecolinc come out for part two of an excursion we had earlier this year. Earlier in the year we began the process of propagating some native plants to help attract the native wildlife to our school grounds. We learnt all about the grasslands and types of grass our Australian animals need, and that some of these grasses are going extinct! On Wednesday we planted our grasses and shrubs in a few spaces around our school grounds. We can't wait to watch them grow and support our ecosystem!



Student of the week this week goes to Chance, for giving everything a go and showing responsibility and kindness to everyone! Go Chance 😊



# Volunteer Information Session



## For new volunteers

Learn about the unique volunteer experience at Ballarat Hospice Care. Volunteering with us makes a local impact and directly helps people in our community. Volunteering can be a time of growth, new friendships, appreciation and understanding. It starts by attending an information session.

## Come along to find out about

- Ballarat Hospice Care – who we are and what we do
- Current volunteering opportunities
- Things to consider before volunteering

## Details

**Venue:** Ballarat Hospice Care  
**Address:** 1836 Sturt St, Alfredton VIC  
**Date/Time:** Thursday August 11, 10-11am  
**Date/Time:** **QB** Thursday August 18, 6-7pm  
**Parking:** Front of Ballarat Hospice Care or on the street  
**Registration:** By August 10, 2022 on [Eventbrite here](#) or go to the Eventbrite website and search for Ballarat Hospice Care



## Need more information?

**P:** 03 5333 1118  
**E:** [admin@ballarathospicecare.org.au](mailto:admin@ballarathospicecare.org.au)

Cancellation policy: Ballarat Hospice Care Inc. reserves the right to cancel or postpone this event if minimum numbers of participants are not achieved. Participants will be offered a place in the next available information session.



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## LET'S GET COLLECTING!



Our school is teaming up with Wonder Recycling Rewards to help reduce soft plastic waste in our environment.

By collecting and recycling our soft plastic waste at school, we can protect our environment, oceans and wildlife – and earn new sports equipment for our school!

We are calling on all students, parents and teachers to get collecting!

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