

# Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 1 Week 1



Dear students, staff and families,

Welcome to the 2023 school year! We have had a great first week, and I would like to welcome our all of our new students and their families to the Little Bendigo Primary School community.

## New Staff

I would also like to welcome three new staff members. Mrs Chrissy Schuler is teaching Music to all classes on Monday, and teaching Maths across all classes on Tuesday. Mrs Erin Andrews has joined us as Education Support in the Junior Studio, Monday to Wednesday. Shaynee Garcia has been employed as our cleaner.

## Special Assembly – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

On Monday next week, we will hold a Welcome Assembly in the library at 9:00am. School and House Captains will be presented with their leadership badges. All parents are invited, and we look forward to seeing you then.

## Lunch Orders

This year, lunch orders will be supplied by The Botanical House Ballarat, run by Shelley Tasker, a parent at our school. Lunch Order Day will be Friday, commencing next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Lunch orders and payment are due at the school office by Thursday at 12:00pm. A lunch order list has been sent home with students today.

## Uniform Pricing

As of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, there has been a slight increase to the cost of items from our uniform shop, as costs have increased. We have kept this increase as low as possible. An updated price list will be sent out via Compass.

## Bushfire Emergency Procedures

As the school is located next to bushland, the school is a designated school on the Bushfire Register. The administration building is our designated shelter-in-place building, and emergency procedures are in place. Our school is located in the Bureau of Meteorology - Central Fire District.

On days of **Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating**, the school and Club 1878 will be closed. Parents will receive notification via Compass the day prior.

On days of **Extreme Fire Danger Rating**, the school will operate from Woodman's Hill Secondary College. Club 1878 will not operate on this day. Parents will receive notification via Compass the day prior.

## Important Dates:

### TERM 1:

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:**  
Assembly 9am

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:**  
Breaky Club Starts

**Thurs/Fri 9/10<sup>th</sup>:**  
School Lunches start

**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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**If a fire starts during a school day**, and the CFA and emergency services have concerns or the school is smoke affected, students and staff relocate to the Administration (shelter-in-place building). The CFA and emergency services will direct school staff and students in this situation. Parents will be notified via Compass, with instructions on what action they should take (for example, to collect your child from school, from an alternative location or to await further notification from the school).

It is important that parents ensure they have access to the Compass App on their mobile phone, to receive these notifications.

### Facilities

Upgrades to the Administration Building (our designated shelter-in-place building) have taken place over the past two days. Upcoming groundworks include, Alison's Garden, flag poles and retaining walls around the bottom playground, to assist with soft-fall retention. Later in the year, a Therapy Room will be built in the Administration building. The Therapy Room will be a private comfortable space for allied health professionals to work with students, and also a relaxing meeting space.

Have a great weekend!

Anthony Tait

### 2023 Term Dates:

Term 1: Mon 30<sup>th</sup> January – Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Term 3: Mon 10<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December



Welcome back grade 1 families and a big warm welcome to our new foundation families to our special studio. With a blink our first week is done and we are ready for the weekend. For the first four weeks of school, foundation students will have Wednesdays as their rest days and their first full week of school will begin on 27<sup>th</sup> of February. On Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> of February, The Ballarat Courier will be coming to take their annual photo that will be published in the newspaper of the Foundation students for 2023. The photo is due to be published early March. When I know the date, I will pass this onto you.

As for the first few weeks, we are working on building our classroom routines, getting to know our fellow friends, and working in our collaborative learning stations. Students have settled extremely well and are thoroughly enjoying their learning so far. Fridays are a fun day for us as it is our specialist day where students will rotate across the day to participate in; Design and Technology, Science, Art, and Sport. We are really excited for our learning this year.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of February at 3:15 in the Stringybark Studio, I invite new foundation families and grade 1 families if they would like to come along to an information afternoon to discuss how to support your child with reading and learning, and any other questions you might have or would like to discuss.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend full of lots of rest and fun with your families.

See you on Monday. Miss D 😊



Our first week back at school has come to end, and I'm not sure about you but it has flown by! Throughout the week we have been focusing on establishing positive relationships with our teachers, classmates and new friends. This week we have spent our time revisiting classroom expectations and routines to help set us up to be successful in our learning. We have begun to revise some of our learning from last year to see where we need to go next in our learning.

We really enjoyed playing musical tables in writing where we created weird and wacky stories. We wrote a sentence about a character and what they were doing and once the music started to play we danced around the room before waiting for the music to stop and then found a different table, and continued writing on a different story. After 6 rotations, we read our stories, and they were indeed very weird and wacky stories, but we had fun making them.

Next week we will start our specialist Friday's where we will be exploring Science, Art, Sport and Design and Digital Technologies.

A reminder that reader diaries are due every Friday and students need to be reading at least 4 times a week. Reading is really important and students need to be reading at home as this helps students to reinforce their learning from the classroom, and to continue to practice to improve their fluency, accuracy and comprehension.

We hope you have a fantastic weekend!

Miss Burns and Berhne 😊



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and enjoyed the school holidays.

It has been a great start to the year in the Blue Gums, (grade 3/4 classroom). Students have been busy setting up their books, resources and have already completed some assessment tasks.

Every Friday students will have sport (physical education classes) so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately.

All students have received their home reading logs. It is an expectation that all students read a minimum of 4 nights per week for 10 minutes. Please note students will be working on different goals/focus areas, so your child may only read the one page over and over to increase their accuracy, re-read for fluency or read aloud to increase/improve expression. I am more than happy for students to fill in their own reading logs. It is also an expectation that students bring their home reading logs to school on a daily basis.

I couldn't be prouder of the great start all of the students have had. Well done kids, keep up the great work!

If parents have any questions, please do not hesitate to catch up with me at the front gate or email me at [tammy.attard@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:tammy.attard@education.vic.gov.au)



Welcome back everyone! What a busy, fun first week the 4/5/6 students have had this week. We have been getting back used to routines, and setting up some new things as well.

Welcome to Balin who is joining us this year, we are very happy and excited to have you in our class!

A new program in our room this year is Banqer, which the students are very excited about. This is a program that we will use throughout the year, and will help the students understand money and financial math.

Students have received reader diaries this week, and are expected to read and fill in at least four nights per week. Reader diaries are marked on a Thursday- and any reading over the weekend will count towards the following week.

Some shout outs for our week go to:

- Ella for looking out for our new preps out in the playground
- Rylan for concentrating super hard in his writing, and completing a great cold write
- Jye for exceeding his expectations in his maths already

Have a fabulous weekend everyone

-Miss Finch



### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION -SPORT**

Every Friday all students will have sport (physical education classes) so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately, has a sun smart hat and a drink bottle. Over this term your child will be practicing for cross country and athletics. If your child has an injury or medical condition that hinders their participation in sport classes, please see Tammy Attard or send me an email, [tammy.attard@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:tammy.attard@education.vic.gov.au)

### **Fundraiser starting soon:**

This year we are doing a bulb drive fundraiser. Order forms with instructions on how to order will be coming home soon. We continue to raise funds for our grounds and outdoor play spaces.



## **Book Club**

Book Club Issue 1 is due back to school by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

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@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:janet.tuaine@education.vic.gov.au) or contact Michelle in the office.





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- Sausage Sizzle • Fun and Free Activities

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