

Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 1 Week 5



Congratulations

Last Friday McKenzie represented our school at the interschool swimming competition. McKenzie competed in the breaststroke event. Thanks for participating and representing Little Bendigo.

Congratulations to our JSC members who were presented with their badges by our school captains at assembly last Friday.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Hillcrest for winning the event this year. I would like to thank Miss Finch and staff for organising the event and applaud our students fun and determined efforts. Many thanks go to our parents for attending and helping at the checkpoints – your support makes these events possible, and your attendance is appreciated by all of our students.

School Council

We are seeking 2 parents who would like to join our school council. Please contact me before Monday if you are interested in nominating.

Life Ed

Health Harold and the Life Ed team are visiting on Wednesday 8th March (P/1, 1/2, 3/4) and Tuesday 14th March (Grade 4/5/6). These sessions are focused on friendships.

Thanks to Mrs Attard's class for presenting at assembly today.

Have a great weekend!

Anthony Tait



Important Dates:

TERM 1:

Mon 6 Mar
School Council

Wed 8 Mar
Life Ed

Tue 14 Mar
Life Ed

Mon 13 Mar
Labour Day Public
Holiday – no school

Mon 20 Mar
Hot Cross Bun orders
due

Fri 24 Mar
Bulb order fundraiser
finishes

Mon 27 Mar
Hot Cross Bun orders
delivered to school

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

Please contact the
school every day your
child is away.

On the Compass Portal
Phone: 5332 6317

From Michelle in the Office:

A couple of reminders:

- Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) applications are open for 2023. If you hold a healthcare, pension card, your student may be eligible. Please complete form and return to office.
- We encourage our families to support the school by paying the Voluntary Curriculum Contribution. This donation helps fund the cost of stationery and exercise books in the classrooms. If you would like to contribute a small amount please email the school for payment instructions.



Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

This year we are, again, doing a Hot Cross Bun drive with Bakers Delight Ballarat City. We will receive \$2 from every packet sold. Orders are due back to school on Monday 20th March.

Bulb Fundraiser on now:

This year we are doing a bulb drive fundraiser. Order forms have gone home, but if you missed it, grab another from the office. Sell to your family, friends and neighbours. Selling ends on 24th March. Get in early so you don't miss out.

We continue to raise funds for our grounds and outdoor play spaces.

Coming Soon:

Start collecting your bread bags for this year.

Go ON-LINE to place your order at:
www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/LITTLEBPS
Campaign end date:24/3/2023
Products available to order until this date unless sold out prior.



You can recycle any type of bread bag as part of the Wonder Recycling Rewards program! To clarify what we classify as a bread bag, read below:

The rule of thumb is that if it has contained bread of some sort and is a soft plastic, then it's a bread bag. If it hasn't contained bread, then it's not a bread bag.

Do our bread bags need to be clean?

Bread bags should be as free from crumbs as they can be to keep the recycling process free from contamination (there is no need to wash them).



2023 Term Dates:

Term 1: Mon 30th January – Thurs 6th April

Term 2: Mon 24th April – Fri 23rd June

Term 3: Mon 10th July – Fri 15th September

Term 4: Mon 2nd October – Wed 20th December



Week 5 is now done and dusted! This week we have been busy learning so many new things. In reading this week we have started our guided reading groups where we are providing targeted support for all students to help them improve their reading and reading comprehension. Our focus in reading is to be able to re-tell the important parts of a story and then progressing into being able to summarise the text. While this is our focus, we will continue supporting and working on our reading accuracy when deciding unknown words and our ready fluency to be reading at a good pace in combination with using expression.

In writing we have continued our journal recounts every Monday, working on up levelling our sentences to include adjectives, verbs, and adverbs on Tuesday, exploring our big write process and story writing on Wednesday, and working on our VCOP writing elements on Thursday to improve our vocabulary, connectives, story openers and our punctuation when writing. On Wednesday this week for writing, we made pancakes and used our 5 senses to describe them, having a focus on using adjectives in our sentence writing. The students worked together to write and draw what their ultimate pancake would be and what toppings they would have on it, and then got to test out their senses and ate some pancakes!



In numeracy we have been exploring the three areas, Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. This week in grade 1/2 we have been focusing on our times tables, where we have been using arrays to help us. On Monday we used m&m's to create our arrays. The students were able to move the m&m's around to create a range of different arrays, and then identified the related times table fact. Using the m&m's we were also able to explore some chance and probability. Before we opened our m&m's we predicted what colours their might be, how many, and we wondered if everyone would have the same or different.

Together we made a frequency table and used tally marks to record how many m&m's we have in each colour, then the students went off to explore their bag of m&m's, and of course, once they finished, they ate their m&m's! In F/1 the students have been working on learning the number 1-10 and how they can be represented in different ways, extending some students onto the number of the day activity, where they are looking at numbers 1-20 and how they can be represented. Shape and patterns have continued to be a focus, looking to how patterns can be made and how different they can look, and exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

Junior studio news continued next page....

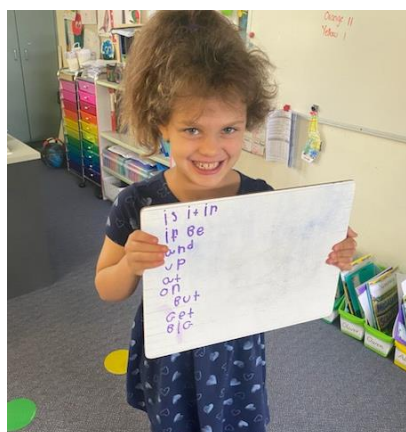
In spelling this week, it has been student choice week to provide the students with the ability to pick how they would like to practice their spelling words in a way they think is best for them.

All students did a fantastic job participating in our school cross country on Tuesday. It was great to see everyone giving it their best go and doing it with a smile on their face!

Reminder: readers need to be handed in everyday, so we can check off and see if you are reading. Reading at home is an important part of the reading process and helps to reinforce and strengthen their reading confidence, and their ability to decode words, read fluently and comprehend what they have read.

Have a terrific weekend, and enjoy some sunshine.

Miss Burns, Miss D, Jo, Berhne and Erin 😊



Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help out with cross country this year, it was also great to see lots of parents/guardians, younger siblings and other supporters cheering our students on!



Here are the 2023 cross country results:

5/6 year old girls:

1st Neveah
2nd Violet M

5/6 year old boys:

1st Brax
2nd Harrison
3rd Freddie

7 year old girls:

1st Evie
2nd Amelia
3rd Kayleigh

7 year old boys:

1st Alex
2nd Kaycee
3rd Charlie

8 year old girls:

1st Alyssa
2nd Amelia
3rd Campbell

8 year old boys:

1st Alan
2nd Josh
3rd Alban

9 year old girls:

1st Mason
2nd Scarlett
3rd Bobbi

9 year old boys:

1st Jaxson
2nd Theodore
3rd Oliver

10 year old girls:

1st Emily E
2nd Heidi
3rd Emily W

10 year old boys:

1st Mason
2nd Liam
3rd Tom

11 year old girls:

1st Esther
2nd Mckenzie

11 year old boys:

1st Jude
2nd Chance
3rd Will

12+ girls:

1st Amber
2nd Ella

12+ boys:

1st Isaac
2nd Lachy

A big congratulations to all of our place getters, and an extra congratulations to Alex who has set a new record in the 7 year old boys race with a super speedy time of 4 minutes, 37 seconds!

Congratulations to the following students whose time's have qualified them for the interschool Wathaurung Cross Country, where they get the chance to participate against students from other local schools. More information to come out in the next few weeks:

Under 8:

Brax, Alex, Alan, Alban, Josh
Alyssa

9 year old:

Oliver, Hudson, Ashton S, Markus, Theodore,
Jaxson
Mason A, Scarlett, Bobbi

10 year old:

Tom, Finn, Mason C, Liam, Ashton H, Jack,
Jackson, Jye
Pip, Emily E, Billie, Carys, Heidi, Emily W

11 year old:

Chance, Jude
Esther

12 and over:

Isaac
Amber

The final results for the day were...

3rd place - Lovfen 50 points

2nd place - Monte 62 points

1st place - Hillcrest 75 points

Well done to Hillcrest on their win this year, next we look forward to the Athletics sports at the end of the term!




**NBFNC
PLAYERS
WANTED**

**u9, u11 & u13
Football**

Contact Tanya on 0407 472 243



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3/4 POSITIVE EMOTIONS DISPLAY

Respectful Relationships

Students in the senior studios have been focusing on Emotional Literacy and learning to identify positive and negative emotions that could be experienced in response to various events and circumstances. Students in grade 3/4 brainstormed some positive emotions and put together this heart puzzle display.

The junior studios have also been focusing on Emotional Literacy and have been learning about acts of friendship and kindness.

Chinese

Nǐ hǎo/Hello

We have had an awesome start to the year in Chinese. We have celebrated the Chinese New Year - the year of the rabbit completing various Chinese New Year craft activities.

All studios have been learning to exchange greetings & farewells in Chinese. Tones and strokes have been a focus in all studios also.

In the senior studios, students have begun projects on the cultural differences between Australia and China as well as focusing on common words and phrases.

In the junior studios, students have been working counting, reading and writing numbers to 10.





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the australian parenting website

What raisingchildren.net.au does

Raisingchildren.net.au provide up-to-date, evidence-based, scientifically validated information about raising children and caring for yourself as a parent or carer. They gather this information and translate it into everyday language with plenty of real-life examples.

Based on the evidence, they describe and explain various parenting methods and options and let people choose for themselves, depending on what suits their circumstances. They give people tools and practical ideas to apply in their own situations – they don't tell them what to do.

They offer facts without a hidden agenda. If the science is unclear, or if there's evidence for more than one approach to an issue, they let people know about the different approaches and their risks and benefits.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/>



Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636
beyondblue.org.au

headspace

Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25

1800 650 890 (9am-1am daily)
For webchat, visit: headspace.org.au/eheadspace

Kids Helpline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25

1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

1800RESPECT

24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse

1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services

13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back

24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide

1300 659 467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Mensline

24/7 counselling service for men

1300 78 99 78
mensline.org.au

QLife

LGBTI peer support and referral

1800 184 527 (6pm-10pm daily)
qlife.org.au (online chat 3pm-12am daily)

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.



With delivery partners:



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JSC badge ceremony:



WOODMANS HILL
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Parents of students in
Grades 4, 5 and 6 are
warmly encouraged to attend

INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 15th March, 2023

Information Sessions

will be held at 5.00pm and 6.00pm
in the Theatre, followed by school tours.

Bookings essential.



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