

Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Today our students had a great time with their first specialist day, rotating through a lesson of Art, Music, ICT and Sport. I would like to thank our staff for their work in preparing programs that inspire, educate and engage our students!

I would like to welcome Mrs Ange Calder to our staff. Mrs Calder will be working with us on Thursdays and teaching Respectful Relationships and Health.

Parents, please remember to install the Skool Loop App on your mobile phones, so you can keep up to date with our newsletter and school events.

Commencing next week a printed edition of our newsletter will only be distributed to families, if parents have completed the attached Opt-In Form and returned it to the school office. The newsletter will still be emailed to families, sent out via the Skool Loop App and posted on the school website.

Anthony Tait
Principal

PARKING

As you are aware it is quite busy during drop off time and particularly during pick up time at 3:30pm. I ask that parents please adhere to the speed limits and take extra care to look out for pedestrians during these busy times. For younger students in particular, I advise that parents collect their children from the school grounds and walk with them back to the car.

Please make sure you keep our neighbour's driveways clear of vehicles.

The school is working with local council to explore parking options.

CUBBY HOUSE

Our cubby house has been cordoned off until repairs are carried out.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property collection at the school office is overflowing, with un-named items. Please check to see if anything may belong to your child and ensure that all clothing items, in particular jumpers and hats are named.

Important Dates:

Wednesdays in February:

Prep students are not required to attend school on these days.

Mon 11th Feb

Fundraising Meeting

Mon 25th Feb

Grade 1 & 2 Mini-Beast Excursion

Grade 5 & 6 Bio-Cats Excursion

School Council Meeting

Thurs 28th Feb

Prep & Grade 1 Robotics Incursion

Mon 11th March

Labor Day Public Holiday

Tues 12th March

Student Free - Curriculum Day

SKOOL LOOP APP

It is vital that parents download this app on their mobile phones, to access the newsletter and important updates.

Please download the App (Apple or Android) and select "Little Bendigo Primary School".

Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding the app.



SCHOOL HOUSES & HOUSE CAPTAINS

Students have been notified of their house and house colour.

Monte House (Red)

Hillcrest House (Yellow)

Lofven House (Blue)

Grade 5 and 6 students are encouraged to apply to be a house captain for their house. Two captains per house will be appointed.

Please note that school captains and vice-captain will be ineligible for the role.

To begin the election process, grade 5/6 students need to write/type a letter to Mr Tait nominating themselves for the role. **(Due on Thursday the 14th of February)**

The letter should include how the student represents the schools values of optimism, compassion and personal integrity and will continue to do so if appointed house captain.

Following a shortlisting process, students will then sit an interview with House teachers during Week 4.

Successful students will then deliver a speech to their respective houses during week 5 and following a voting process, will be appointed the role.

Mr Brown

School House Coordinator

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th February at 2:45pm at the school office. It would be great to see current members there and also any parents who may be interested.

Our fundraising committee is an important part of the school, as they raise funds throughout the year to support student engagement and learning. I encourage parents to consider joining this committee which meets a couple of times per term.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 25th February at 7:00pm.



ART NEWS

Firstly I would like to welcome back all of our students, families and friends for 2019!

We have had an incredible start to Art this year, with active listening and great behaviour across the entire school. Well done Little Bendigo!

Our Prep and Prep/1 classes had a fabulous time painting last week and made some amazing artwork. Our 2/3, 4/5 and 5/6 classes have been busy with their new 'Art Portfolios' - can't wait to see all their work as they progress through the year!

I would also like to congratulate our 'Art Award' recipients! (The Art Awards will be given to one student from each class, each week, at the beginning of Art class.

Prep - Carys

Prep/1 - Chance

2/3 - Buddy

4/5 - Riley

5/6 - Ally

Well done everyone!

Miss G



The grade 2/3 students are off to a flying start this year! We have focused in on place value during maths time, touched on our inquiry topic of 'Australia' and begun to develop and extend our vocabulary during VCOP writing time. We investigated the words 'clumsy, tottered, thrashing and scrambled' if you'd like to challenge your child on the weekend 😊

Homework: I have received an overwhelming amount of homework that has kept me extremely busy this week. I am very impressed with the students drive and determination to improve their own learning. Please keep it up!

Readers: In order to receive the dojo points, I ask for a minimum of three nights of reading signed per week. If you can achieve more than three nights that would be brilliant! Readers are to be placed in the 'Homework' tub every Monday.

Birthday: A very big happy birthday to Blue Gum student Amber who turned 8 on Tuesday!

Mr Brown



Wow what a fantastic week we have had in the Peppermint Gums!

Congratulations to Asha and Imogen for receiving academic excellence awards at assembly this week.

Asha –excellent persevering to read with great expression and Imogen –always applying herself to complete work to the best of her ability.

Yesterday students were given homework books. Although homework is not compulsory everyone will be sent reading and spelling homework home on a Thursday and it is due the following Thursday. If there are any queries please see Tammy.

Please note students have library every Thursday and books are due to be returned the following Thursday.

Mrs Attard



Another amazing week in the Lemon Scented Studio.

Just a reminders about reading. Students are asked to read for 10-15minutes 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 recently sent home a student information surveys and parent helper forms. Thank you so much to the families who have already returned this survey, I am very grateful. I am hoping to have parent helper Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings for reading. Thursday mornings will be our Big Write session and Friday mornings will be our school specialist day, therefore no parent helpers are require on these days.



It has been a fantastic start to the school year in the Mountain Ash Gums classrooms. Students have settled in really well and come back ready to work and eager to learn. I've been very impressed with their engagement and how productive they have been so far.

Hopefully by now you have noticed that students have brought home the required materials for them to complete their homework. Homework is due each Monday. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Grade 6 jumpers will be available for collection on Monday, a reminder that payment must be made before they can be collected. The cost of these jumpers is \$55.

SPORT NEWS

TENNIS TIMETABLE TERM 1

Thanks to all the children/families who are supporting the tennis lessons. I have tried my best to accommodate the timeslots requested but obviously this is not possible for all families. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come in and see Mr Smith.

3:30pm – 4:00pm	4:00pm- 4:30pm	4:30pm- 5:00pm	5:00pm-5:30pm
Louie Hayley Seth Nate	Rex Max Amelia Farris	Blake	

Thanks to the families who have already paid for their child's tennis lessons, if payment has not been made can you please ensure you organise your payment as promptly as possible to Mr Smith. As this program is run by an external business it is important that parents are on hand to supervise their child or have made appropriate arrangements. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

Thanks Mr Smith.

SWIMMING COMPETITION

Vanessa has once again volunteered her time to help coordinate and train any child who is interested in participating in the Sovereign and Eureka Division Swimming Sports. Any child who would like to enter must be 9 or older and be able to swim the qualification times as listed below.

Please take note of the following dates for training schedule.

Friday 15th February - Brown Hill Pool 4:30-5:30 (Time trials)

Friday 22nd February - Brown Hill pool 4:30-5:30 (Training)

Friday 1st March - Eureka pool 4:30-5:30 (Training)

All entries must be in Monday 25th February, children can only do 2 individual events and a relay. The competition is on Friday 8th March.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country will be held on **Thursday 7th March** at Russell Square (Humffray St N, Brown Hill). We will be looking for as many volunteers as possible (at least 6-8) for this day to help with course marshalling. If you are able to volunteer please see Mr Smith.

SOVEREIGN AND EUREKA DIVISION SWIMMING SPORTS

50m Events- Friday, 8th March, 2019.

EUREKA AQUATIC CENTRE 50M POOL:

DOORS OPEN AT 8:45am for a 9:30am start

Schools are allowed to enter a maximum of four individuals per event. No additional entries can be accepted.

AGE OF SWIMMER AS AT **31st DECEMBER, 2019** FOR ALL EVENTS

Girls	Boys	Age	Event
1	2	9/10 year old	50m Breaststroke (1:10.00)
3	4	11 year old	50m Breaststroke (1:08.00)
5	6	12/13 year old	50m Breaststroke (60.00 secs)
7	8	9/10 year old	50m Butterfly (1:10.00)
9	10	11 year old	50m Butterfly (60.00 secs)
11	12	12/13 year old	50m Butterfly (52.00 secs)
13	14	9/10 year old	50m Freestyle (52.00 secs)
15	16	11 year old	50m Freestyle (48.00 secs)
17	18	12/13 year old	50m Freestyle (45.00 secs)

Proposed Lunch break – approx. 20 minutes

19	20	9/10 year old	50m Backstroke (60.00 secs)
21	22	11 year old	50m Backstroke (58.00 secs)
23	24	12/13 year old	50m Backstroke (55.00 secs)
25	26	9 - 13 year old	4 x 50m Medley Relay
27	28	9/10 year old	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
29	30	11 year old	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay
31	32	12/13 year old	4 x 50m Freestyle Relay

PLEASE NOTE:

- **EACH SWIMMER MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM THE QUALIFYING TIMES IN BRACKETS NEXT TO EVENT**
- **Schools must submit qualifying times for swimmers (these can be SV times or school trial times)**
- **Entry is \$10 per swimmer – which allows swimmers to compete in a maximum of 2 individual events, 1 Freestyle relay and 1 Medley relay**
- **Programs will be available for purchase upon entry**
- **Entries must be submitted to dew.chloe.c@edumail.vic.gov.au by school sport coordinators on the school spreadsheet file (entry spreadsheet can be downloaded by following this link https://drive.google.com/open?id=1v0_QC0aQztIXNDZI9unVWMnHucfU9pzX)**
- **Invoices will be sent directly to schools and must be paid by the 1st of March**
- **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

The first two swimmers from each individual event and the first two relay teams in each event will progress through to the Regional Swimming to be held in Horsham **on Friday the 22nd of March.**

ENTRIES DUE Monday 25th FEBRUARY 2019 - by 5:00pm

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL PROGRAM REBEL SPORT

Little Bendigo Primary School invite members of our school to join our Rebel Active Loyalty Program where members will receive benefits of monthly promotions and discounts across the store.

Rebel will reward our school with a rebate on all member purchases in the form of an in store credit to be spent at Rebel Sport.

Please present your Rebel Active Loyalty card and ask our staff to ensure that you are linked to our school OR ask Rebel's friendly staff for a card when you next visit the store.

Rebel will sign you up as a member and link you to the Little Bendigo Primary School where both members and our school will begin to receive the benefits.

This has been an incredibly rewarding program for our school over the previous 5 years where we have been able to purchase



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