

Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 1, Week 7

The time has come for me to take a new direction in my career and end my time as Principal at Little Bendigo. I have been very, very privileged to have been the Principal of L.B.P.S. for the last twenty two years. I had never expected to be in the one school for so long, but Little Bendigo has truly been a super special place to be. Our students have continually provided me with inspiration and motivation to achieve. As I said to the children yesterday, I have the largest buzz-o-meter you could possibly imagine filled with buzzes upon buzzes thanks to them.

The challenge, opportunities and excitement of working with staff for continual improvement, has also been so very motivating and inspiring. The synergy of our team has enabled me to lead our school to just where I think it should be. This would not have been possible without the commitment and enthusiasm of our staff.

The trust, support, friendship and powerful partnerships we have developed as a community of learners, is something I hold in very high regard. I see the results of these partnerships with parents every day through the achievements of our students and through the further development of our community.

So it is with a huge, huge thank you that I can say 'Wow, what an amazing school and feel that I can leave with all the boxes ticked that I had set as goals for our school.'

But with such a passion and commitment to our school I could never just walk away. So I will be back to visit, to keep in touch and at times, to do some casual relief teaching and continue to celebrate 'The buzzes' with our the children.

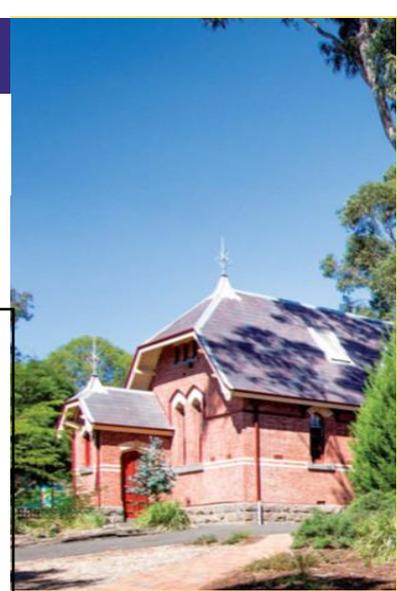
I will also work with other schools further developing 'Cultures of learning' and 'Empowering students'.

And of course, I will be able to commit more time to my horses, putting under saddle (breaking in) my two young horses and competing more with my lovely warmblood 'Wispian'.

And last but not least, spending more time with Phil and my family who have always been there to support me in whatever way possible throughout my career.

I have tried to work the timing of this so it is as seamless as possible for our school. All the management areas that need to be in place for the start of the year are organised so for whoever steps in, (will let you know as soon as possible) the school should be ticking along nicely making it an easier transition. I will be back for the first week of term two, then on long service leave until the end of the term and finishing as Principal in term three.

Thank you so, so much!!!
Regards, Karolina



IMPORTANT DATES:

2018 Term Dates

Term 1

30th Jan – 29th Mar

Fri 23rd March

Whole School – Melb Zoo

Mon 26th March

School Council AGM

Tue 27th March

Family Fun Night

Thurs 29th March

Last Day Term 1

Tue 3rd April

Last chance to buy Coles
Vouchers for our school

2018 Term Dates

T2: 16 Apr – 29 Jun

T3: 16 Jul – 21 Sept

T4: 8 Oct – 21 Dec

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The promotion will finish on April 3rd. Thanks to some huge recent donations we have already counted 6000 coupons with quiet a few still to count. Keep up the great work LBPS community. I have now moved our goal up to 9000 coupons.



How it works:

Step 1: For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.

Step 2: Our families can bring vouchers to school, placing them in the collection bin provided at the office. We also have a collection bin located at Coles Victoria Street.

Step 3: Every voucher received by our school will go towards our tally. We will then order the sports equipment our school needs to the value of our vouchers. For further information regarding how to earn vouchers for our school please visit coles.com.au/sfs



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 4 years where we have been able to purchase numerous items for the children to use and enjoy.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Lemon Scented Studio will be conducting a bake sale stall at the Family Fun Night which as always should be incredibly popular.

This stall is not possible without the help and support of our families. We are asking families to once again, donate to this stall. We ask that all baked goods be individually wrapped, bagged or in containers that can be sold with the product and are clearly labelled noting all ingredients.

We ask that the items arrive at school no earlier than Tuesday 27th March.

If you have any items that you would like to denote, please leave at the senior studio or in office, again no earlier than Tuesday 27th March.

There will be lots of other stalls and activities including;



Easter Raffle

Show bags

Sausage sizzle

Café

Jumping Castle

GAMES

LUCKY DIPS

LEMON SCENTED STUDIO

It been a very short week in the studio, please note that I will correct homework on Monday and that 'Big Write' will continue next week. Over the course of the next few weeks I will be testing students once again to ensure progress has been made from the initial post-Christmas break testing.



PEPPERMINT GUMS NEWS

It's been a short week, but a great week in the Peppermint Gums Studio. Students have been very excited about our Mealworm pets. As part of our science investigation students have been exploring needs of living things. We hope with the provision of all their needs that our mealworms will transform into beautiful beetles. This unit also included a visit from Buster the dog. Buster and his owner discussed with us how to be responsible pet owners and needs of pets.

TENNIS

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
Seth A	Bryce	Kale	
Louis	Farris		
Amelia	Max		

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.

MIDLANDS SWIMMING

Well done to Alyssa and Kaleb who competed in the Midlands swimming competition last night at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre. Both students competed in the 25m freestyle and backstroke.

Alyssa

- Freestyle 5th out of 38 overall
- Backstroke 6th out of 35 overall

Kaleb

- Freestyle 21st overall out of 38
- Backstroke 19th overall out of 37

It is great to see our children challenging themselves at these competitions and doing so well. A huge thank you once again to Vanessa for all of her help and support doing both swimming carnivals.

SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

Please note that a permission form for the school swimming lessons at the aquatic centre will be going home shortly. I have applied for a grant to help reduce the cost of this program. At the moment the program is looking like coming in around the \$100 mark, if the grant is successful we should be able to reduce to costs by \$24 for each child.



AUSKICK

Please note that Auskick registrations are again open. Please go to the Auskick web page to register your child. The program will be run at school once again on a Friday night in term 2 for 10 weeks from 3:45pm—5:00pm. Please note that the centre name is the Nerrina Auskick Centre when you search in the Ballarat Region.

FUTSAL

Please note that futsal training will be after school on Thursdays from around 3:45 to 4:15pm. Please also note the changes I have had to make to the futsal teams. I have combined Stingers C and D due to decreasing numbers. A huge thank you to everyone, who put in so much for our children in this program!!!

Stinger A: 10.45am

Stingers B: 11.20am

Stingers D: 9.35am & 10.10am

Stingers A	Stingers B	Stingers D
Coach: Ange	Coach: Aaron	Coach: Wayne
Kaitlin Nash Levi Outen Angus Calder Mac Calder Thomas Outen Sam Lund Alec Humphrey	Alicia Ellen Rex Hodge Buddy Hodge Max Middleton Bryce Hocking Levi Duffy Jameson E	Kaleb Dean Lachy Ellen Pip Meadows Issac Lelliott Amber Stubbs Will Calder Ruthie Meadows Louis Slater

VIC CRICKET TRY OUT

Well done to Zane who went to Brown Hill yesterday to try out for the Victorian Primary School cricket team. We wish him all the best.

AFL TRIP

The MCG trip is a go!!!!!! Thanks to all those families who have promptly responded. We are currently up to 30 participants which means we have 10 tickets left. If you have any other family members or friends who would like to come feel free to invite them along also. The match is Carlton vs Collingwood on Friday 6th April at the MCG. Please see the permission form which was sent home or Mr Smith for more details. A form for those families who are attending will be sent home with confirmed details next week.

RESPONSIBLE PET PROGRAM



THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Just a reminder about our up-coming events:

Easter Raffle – we will be seeking donations for our annual Easter Raffle. Please leave all donations with classroom teachers or at office. Thank you in advance.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser – we are looking into this as a fundraiser. Please keep an eye out for further information. Again, thank you for your support in advance.

If you are interested in joining our fundraising committee or even taking on the co-ordinator position of fundraising please see Mrs Tuaine in the Peppermint Gums Studio or email at

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