

# Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 2, Week 2

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

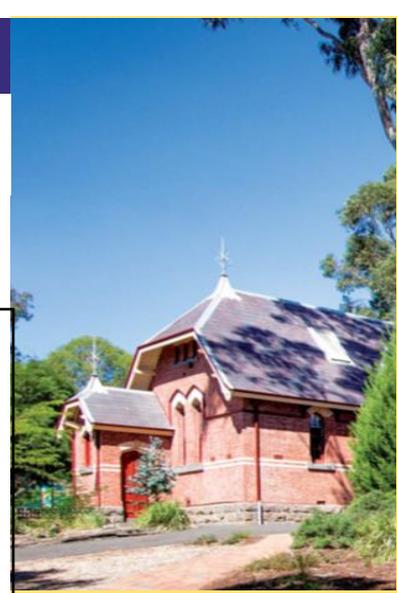
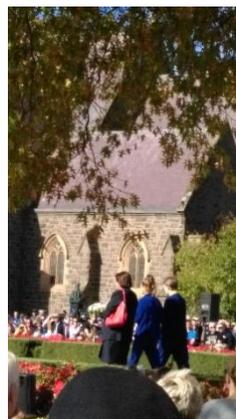
*I am truly honoured and very excited to be taking on the position of Acting Principal for Term 2.*

*I firstly wanted to touch base with the school community about the current taping off of areas around the school. I want to assure families that the school is safe. As many of you may know at the end of last term we had an incident involving a tree where one of our students was hurt. This incident was incredibly unforeseen and scary. We have taken this very seriously and want to ensure that all is being done to prevent such incidences in the future. While the school has always be incredibly diligent and thorough with our regular tree inspections, we have since this incident carried out further inspections. In light of those inspections, while there is no major concerns, trees and limbs may fall unpredictably, even after thorough, regular inspections, as there is no way to predict exactly when a tree might fall or drop a limb it is ALWAYS better to be safe than sorry. While there will always be risks involved in being outdoors, there are things you can do to minimise the risks. Therefore I have had to make some very tough decisions about our environment. One of those decisions is to remove some of the trees in our school. This includes the two large trees that over hang our front playground. I have sought expert advice and while these are beautiful trees, they are not a suitable form of shade and as they naturally shed not ideal in high traffic zones. We are working with the arborist to replant more suitable and practical trees for our environment. In light of this, the playground will be out of bounds until further notice. We are working to ensure there is plenty of other play equipment for the children during play times. If you have any further questions or queries please don't hesitate to come and see me.*

*Just a reminder to School Council, our next meeting is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May.*

## ANZAC DAY

A shout out to our two school captains Makenna and Flynn. They represented the school at the Wednesday 11 o'clock ANZAC service. You both did a fabulous job, thank you.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

### 2018 Term Dates

#### Term 2

16<sup>th</sup> April – 29<sup>th</sup> June

#### Mon 30<sup>th</sup> April Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Fundraising Meeting

Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Swimming

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May  
School Council

Thur 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Swimming

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May  
G3-6 Winter Sports

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Foundation Information  
Night, 7pm

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Swimming

18<sup>th</sup> May  
Division Cross Country

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May  
G3-6 Winter Sports

#### REMINDERS:

- Swimming every Thursday this term

### STRINGYBARK GUMS:



Welcome to Term 2, the students are off to a fantastic start with their learning! They have also embraced the swimming program, it has been wonderful to see some students SPLASH outside their comfort zone!

This week there has been a focus on Anzac Day, the class have read books including, 'The Anzac Puppy,' 'Simpson and his Donkey' and 'The Last Anzac.' We have had many discussions about various heroes and why we it is important remember the sacrifices our ANZACS made. The children paid their respects by creating a wreath made from handmade poppies and rosemary, they will lay this at assembly on Monday during our belated ANZAC Day service. A final thank you to those of you who congratulated Evan and I, we had the most amazing time at our wedding over the holidays. ☺

Mrs Stacey (Ellie)



### MOUNTAIN ASH GUMS

WOW! What a fantastic start to term 2. Students have been busily working on their individual spelling, NAPLAN practice, reading goals, addition equations involving trading, subtraction equations involving borrowing, automatic recall, Mathletics, working in groups to use technology to graph smarties and m&m's and working on their individual projects.

During reading activities the class analysed the poem 'For the Fallen' and the following students have chosen to read this out at Monday's assembly; Kale, Jasper, Ruby, Logan and Mac. Kaitlin and Levi will also be reading out a poem called In Flanders Fields.

A special mention to Niko for outstanding improvement in his reading accuracy and comprehension.

#### Grade 3-6 Senior Camp

This year grade 3-6 will be going on camp to Melbourne on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Students will be staying at Discovery Melbourne. The cost of this camp will be \$360 per student which includes; 2 coaches to and from camp, 2 nights accommodation (including 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 x 2 course night meal and entry to the following venues/activities; Eureka Skydeck, Vic Market, Melbourne Star Observation Wheel, Imax Theatre, Melbourne Museum, MCG -National Sports Museum, ArtVo and of course our annual Red Faces. Due to the school having to pay accommodation and food invoices by mid July and all other invoices paid 6 weeks prior to camp it is requested that parents please have the following payments made by;

\$200 payment by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Full payment of \$360 in total by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September

If you would like to set up a payment plan please see Janet or Michelle.

We have a limited amount of places for any parents that would like to attend. (Please note we will be walking to and from all venues). The cost for all parents will be \$267 each. If you would like to attend please see Tammy as soon as possible. If we have more parents wanting to go than places available the parent names will be drawn out of a hat. Full parent payment needs to be made by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

If your child will not be attending camp please see Tammy as soon as possible. If there are any other queries please do not hesitate to see Tammy.

## PEPPERMINT GUMS STUDIO

We welcome Ms D to the Peppermint Gums Studio. This is such a wonderfully independent group of students so I know she will be in great hands. I will miss being in the Studio this term, but I will definitely be popping in to see how all the students are going in achieving their goals.

I am a little late, but below are some pictures from our Melbourne Zoo visit. This was a wonderful day, so much to see. I wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents who came along and helped out. Mrs Stacey (Miss Ellie) and I were very grateful for your help and we hope you guys enjoyed yourselves also.



## LEMON SCENTED GUMS

Whilst it was only a short week the students still managed to complete several tasks. The grade 5 students have continued to work hard on their NAPLAN practice whilst the grade 6 students complete their weekly tasks, goals and projects.

Please continue to ensure that students are discussing their 'Big Write' topic and completing regular homework. Can grade 6 parents who are yet to return the transition pack information please do so promptly.

## BLUE GUMS

Congratulations to Alicia and Mikkayla on the achievement of their pen licenses this week. Mr Smith was very close this week in achieving his, hopefully with my assistance he will pass his test over the coming weeks.

Another busy week in the Blue Gums Studio has seen students working very hard on their writing and addition, keep up the great work!

Again, our parents are coming through with the goods. Thanks to Kate for providing snacks at futsal training and to Kim for her time in the Blue Gums studio.

## WINTER SPORTS

The first of 3 winter sport sessions starts today. Students may bring football/soccer boots if they wish and a change of clothes to participate in eg football jumper or shorts. If your child does not wish to participate in football, soccer or netball they can participate in minor games as a fun alternative.

## ATHLETICS/TABLOID SPORTS

Well done to all the children who participated on Monday, we were lucky enough to have fantastic weather which enabled great competition. It was pleasing to see students giving it their all and best efforts which is all we can ask for. Well done to students who received ribbons on the day or broke records. I will be in touch with the children who have qualified for the next stage at a later date.

## AUSKICK

Auskick was off to a flying start last week, it was great to see all LBPS students mixing in with the other children. This is a great promotion for our school, keep up the great work. Any parent who can help out or volunteer their time would be greatly appreciated.

## COLES VOUCHERS

A huge thank you to the whole LBPS community who rallied behind the Coles Sports for Schools program. Initially I set our goal at 7,000. We completely blew that goal out of the water. Our grand total at the end of the program was a massive **22,600**. I can't wait to purchase some great sporting equipment for our students. Thank you to everyone once again.



## FUTSAL

Please note there have been several changes to teams due to children having other commitments during the winter months. If your child is interested in playing futsal let Mr Smith know.

**It is vitally important that we display our school values at all times during training sessions and most importantly when representing our school at Major League on Saturday mornings. As we have a code of conduct that must be adhered to in order to represent our school.**

Stingers A:

Stingers B:

Stingers D:

Stingers (Friday night) Coach:	Stingers A Coach: Ange	Stingers B Coach: Aaron	Stingers C Coach:	Stingers D Coach: Wayne
	Levi Outen Angus Calder Mac Calder Thomas Outen Alec Humphrey	Alicia Ellen Rex Hodge Buddy Hodge Max Middleton Bryce Hocking Jameson E		Kaleb Dean Lachy Ellen Issac Lelliott Amber Stubbs Will Calder Louis Slater

## FUNDRAISING MEETING

My sincere apologies to all families who have inquired about fundraising committee awaiting its first meeting. I have had a great deal of interest for this year so I am really looking forward to the year. It is always hard to select a day and time that suits everyone, so if the day and time doesn't suit, email me ([simmons.janet.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:simmons.janet.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)) or touch base with me and I will try to vary the days and times to give everyone an opportunity to attend. If you can't make a meeting, also pass on any ideas. Minutes will be taken and a copy will be left on the shelves as you enter the office. This will let you know what we plan to do and then you can volunteer to help out with what suits you.

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 3pm in the library. All welcome!



## DONATIONS REQUIRED

Our annual Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday 11th May. All students will be invited to bring along up to \$10 to purchase a special gift for Mum or Grandma from the stalls.

For this day to be successful we are seeking as many Mother's Day donations as possible. Donations may include mugs, chocolates, perfume, jewellery, gardening items, stationery etc. and can be left with classroom teachers or at the office.

Thanks for your support; the staff of Little Bendigo



**WHAT IS BMX?**

BMX (Bicycle Moto Cross) is one of the fastest growing sports in Australia. It's a sport where the whole family can participate & riders of all ages (from 2 - 50+) can compete in organised race meetings throughout Australia. BMX racing ranges from club level to state level and right through to national and world championships events for all ages. BMX is also an elite Olympic sport!

Come along to the Ballarat Sebastopol Cycling Club BMX Division track on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am.



You will receive an introduction to BMX & will get to experience some **FREE** on-track coaching which is being lead by former Pro-rider & 6 time national champion Tony Harvey. The club will also be holding a Fun Clubby afterwards starting at approx 1pm.



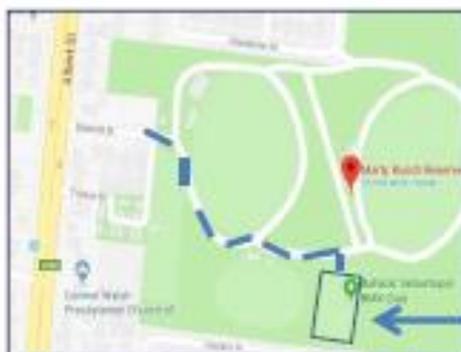
**What you need:**

**Bike:** 20inch or 24inch (Cruiser) BMX bike.

For the safety of others we may have to remove kick stands & pegs but we will have a few handy members around on the day if you need any help to remove these things.

**Protective clothing:** Long Pants or track pants (fitted at the ankle). Long Sleeve Top or Race Jersey (fitted at the wrist). Fully enclosed Shoes. Gloves that have complete hand & finger protection & a full face Helmet .

*The club has a small supply of spare bikes, gloves and helmets available, please contact us to arrange.*



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