

# Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 2, Week 5

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I can't believe how fast the weeks go by. I must be having fun, because time is flying.

Due to several staff members participating in First Aid training in the library on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be no assembly. Students are asked to go straight to their classrooms when bell rings.

Grades Foundation (Prep) to grade two will be offered vision screening on 29<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like to have your child's vision tested please return the attached form by the due date.

We ask all families to check at home for any school levelled readers and/or library books. In particular we have a lot of levelled books unreturned. We would appreciate all families checking their bookshelves – thank you in advance.

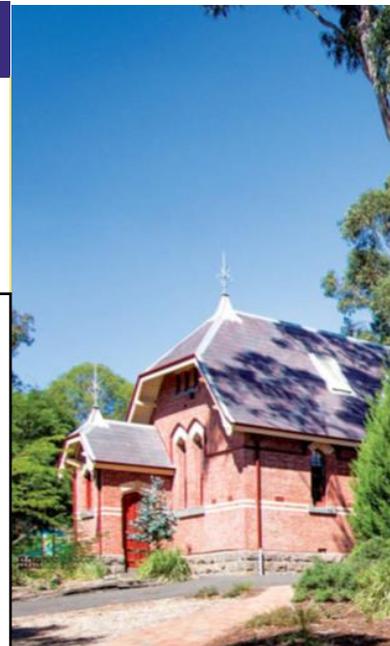
I am really excited to announce that we now have a school notification app available to parents. Please see below for details of how to access this app on your mobile devices. I am still in the process of setting this up, however when complete you will be able to message through absences, look up the newsletter, notify the school if your child is in late etc. and view calendar and permission slips.



- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



**Simple free download:** In Google play & App Store search '**Skool Loop**' & choose our school once installed.



## IMPORTANT DATES: 2018 Term Dates

### Term 2

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

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Swimming

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

Tue 29<sup>th</sup> May  
SpecSavers Vision  
Testing

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> May  
SSV Sports Day

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Swimming

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> June  
Queens Birthday Public  
Holiday

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> June  
School Council

**REMINDERS:**  
Swimming every  
Thursday this term

## **School Council Presidents report**

I would firstly like to welcome Janet Tuaine to the acting Principal position for Term 2. It's been a very busy start to the term, so thanks to Janet for steering us through. School Council has maintained its current Sub committees for this year, Fundraising/Social and Learning Design which includes buildings and grounds. We always welcome parent involvement in our committees, and it's been great to see the great support for the fundraising committee. Anyone interested in joining our committees can enquire at the office.

As many of you would be aware, we have recently carried out further tree inspections. We always maintain and carry out regular tree inspections, but due to the recent serious incident resulting in injury to one of our students it was important to have a further assessment. You will start to notice some of the at risk trees having to be removed as a result of this assessment. Whilst these incidents can't always be foreseen, we will continue to monitor our surroundings for risks, and safety will always be our priority.

Our environment is important to us and we will be working towards replanting suitable trees and also looking at ways of providing adequate shade throughout the grounds.

Our next School council meeting is on Monday June 18 at 7pm in the administration building. All members of the school community are welcome to attend.

Jamie Tobin

School Council President

## **MOUNTAIN ASH GUMS**

### **Grade 3-6 Senior Camp**

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

Camp is classified as an optional education item, these are items or services that are offered in addition to the standard curriculum. Students access these items on a user pays basis. 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.



Updates next week!



It has been a very busy time in the Peppermint Gum Studio and we have all settled well into our new routines. Children all enjoyed making beautiful Mother's Day cards for our mum last week and we hope all of our mums had a wonderful day and enjoyed their special treats. The studio has just begun two new projects for the term. The first project is one the students had personally chosen. A topic that they would like to know more about and to share what they have learnt with their fellow classmates. The second a class project on Volcanoes. The grade has been exposed to a natural disaster that is currently happening in Hawaii and we have been keeping up to date on this event. I have encouraged children to find further research while they are at home and bring it to class to add to their projects. On another note it is starting to get quiet cold and wet, children are more than welcome to bring slippers to wear in the studio if they choose to.

Ms D

Update next week!



#### Viral Gastroenteritis

We have had several reported cases. Illness is characterised by acute onset of symptoms, including fever, headache, nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps and watery diarrhea, lasting 12–60 hours. Vomiting is relatively more prevalent among children. Please note that there is a **24 hour exclusion** period after the last symptom has occurred.

#### WINTER SPORTS

Please note that as winter sports was cancelled last week, a replacement session is being held today the 18<sup>th</sup> March.

## CROSS COUNTRY

We wish the following students all the best today at Vic Park for the Sovereign District Cross Country Championships. Good luck Levi, Hamish, Max, Amelia, Maddy, Chris, Blake, Zane and Mackenna. We know these students will represent our school proudly and with great sportsmanship.

## REBEL SPORT

Thanks to all the families who are aligned with LBPS through rebel sport. I was recently able to spend another \$280 on sports equipment for the children. This money enabled the purchase of 5 bocce sets, 6 hoola hoops and 6 grip ball sets. It is a really rewarding program that enables us to get class sets of equipment and give the students a broad range of experiences.

## AUSKICK

We had 6 students on Saturday that got to participate in the AFL AUSKICK halftime games on Saturday at Mars stadium. The game was played between the Western Bulldogs & Gold Coast with just over 7,000 people in attendance. A great experience for the children involved. Buddy, Issac and Jimmy played in the grid games whilst Pip, Lily and Gus played in the main game. Well done kids!

## 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.

Stingers D: 9.00am, 9.35am

Stingers A: 10.10am

Stingers B: 10.45am

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		Lachy Ellen Issac Lelliott Amber Stubbs Will Calder Louis Slater

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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Research shows that only 1 of 3 children under the age of 14 have ever had any form of eye testing, and undiagnosed eye conditions can lead to learning difficulties.

We are running a vision screening program at your school on

***Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of May.***

The screening program is aimed at testing students in their early years for these potential vision issues to be discovered early in their educational journey.

The program involves a small team of qualified Optometrists and staff members from your local Specsavers stores of Ballarat and Wendouree, who would be donating their time to give back to their local community.

The program is designed to screen the basics of vision: unaided vision, binocular vision testing including depth perception and colour vision. It is not a substitute for a full eye examination.

At the end of the testing, we will send the results home with your child, and if further testing is suggested, we will indicate this to you alongside the reason why.

If you are happy for your child to participate, please complete the permission slip below, and return it to the school no later than ***Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May.***

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I \_\_\_\_\_, parent/guardian of

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- Give permission for my child to take part in the School Vision Screening
- Do not give permission for my child to take part in the School Vision Screening

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_

Date: / /

Additional information:



**Ballarat Bridge Mall**

Shop 28 Bridge Mall, Ballarat, VIC, 3350

**Wendouree Stockland**

Shop 74 Stockland Wendouree, Gilles St, Wendouree, VIC, 3355

## HEAD LICE AWARENESS

All parents should note there has been a case of headlice around the school. Please regularly check you students hair and treat at the first signs.



**Ballarat's  
LITTLE BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL  
OUTSIDE-OF-SCHOOL HOURS CARE**  
8 Monte Street, Nerrina, Ballarat, 3350

Located five minutes from Central Ballarat, situated on the edge of a tranquil bush setting with an abundance of opportunities for kids to grow and enhance their learning experiences.

**Services Include –**  
Before School Care, After School Care,  
Vacation Care and Curriculum Days.

If you require any further information, please contact: Heather Robinson (Director)  
0467 187 817  
[club1878@yahoo.com.au](mailto:club1878@yahoo.com.au)

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## Do you want to play basketball?



**Wildcats basketball club are looking for new players to join our junior teams.**

**Come and join in the all the fun at our Wildcubs trainings where you will start to learn how to**

**Dribble (bounce) the ball,**

**Pass the ball,**

**And shoot the ball too.**

**All for the cost of just \$2**



**Wildcubs trainings will start on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May at 4:15 pm**

**All trainings are at our home court at the Eastwood Leisure Complex 20 Dana st central Ballarat.**

**Who knows you might be the next Ben Simmons**

We need caring families interested in other cultures  
**Is that you? Then experience another culture without leaving home**  
**HOST A JAPANESE STUDENT!**

### TWO OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

**21 July to 10 August, 2018** based at Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre in Sebastopol

Contact: **Ruth on 0418 519 448 / Email: [ruthsprague0@gmail.com](mailto:ruthsprague0@gmail.com)**

Or Helen on 0408 543 885 / Email: [helhunter@bigpond.com](mailto:helhunter@bigpond.com)

**23 July to 3 August, 2018** based at St Patrick's College

Contact: **Peter on 0438 696 730 / Email: [peterjshine@hotmail.com](mailto:peterjshine@hotmail.com)**



**Enquire now!  
No obligation!**

We need families to include them in Aussie life, provide a bed and 3 normal meals a day.

They will attend the study centre each day for English Lessons & Excursions.

There are no airport pick ups, they can share a room and you certainly don't need to speak Japanese.

We pay \$30 per night to assist with hosting costs.

Lynn Smith – Regional Manager AIIU Western Victoria.  
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