

Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Tait who has commenced the role of Principal. Feel free to come in and introduce yourself, he would be more than happy to meet the school community. Once again I would like to say thank you to the entire school community for your help and support during my time as Acting Principal.

Mrs T

I would like to thank the school community for such a warm welcome yesterday. I am very excited about the opportunity to meet, teach and work with you all. I have attached a photo, so that you can put a face to my name. When you see me around the school, please say hello!



Mr Tait

Have you downloaded our school app yet?
Never miss important school information again!

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- ✓ Newsletters
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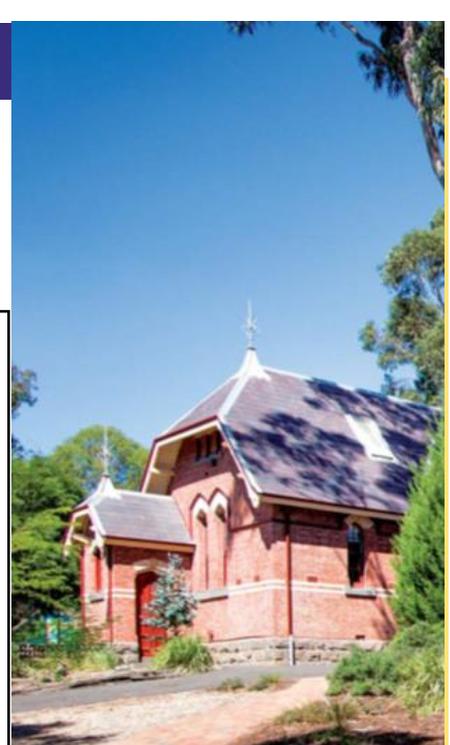
2019 Enrolments - To help us with our planning we ask that families who have children starting **Foundation (prep) next year** to please see Michelle for an enrolment form and hand in as soon as possible.

Have you completed your 2018 Parent Opinion Survey?

All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August**.



Students have begun making props for our school concert which is fast approaching. We would greatly appreciate any donations of cardboard/boxes to help us in our preparations.



2018 Term Dates

Term 3

July 16th-Sept 21st

Term 4

Oct 8th-Dec 21st

Wednesdays – Playgroup 9am-11am

Friday 31st August
Fathers' Day Stall

Monday 3rd September
Curriculum Day (No School)

Monday 10th September
School Council Meeting

Wednesday 12th September
School Concert

Friday 21st September
Last Day of Term, Walkathon & Sausage Sizzle

October 19th – Little Bendigo PS
Trivia Night

Concert - This year we will be pre-selling concert tickets. Tickets are now on sale. First round of tickets are available to all families, with each family being offered a maximum of 4 tickets. We will have a limited number of seats available this year and we want to ensure that every family has the opportunity to attend. Later on when everyone has had the opportunity to purchase tickets, we will offer a second round of ticket sales for those families who require more than 4. Tickets will be \$10 per ticket or 4 tickets for \$20. Doors will be open at 6pm for a 6:30pm start. Our fundraising committee are working on catering for this night. More information on catering will be available at a later date.

Parking - Just a reminder to all parents to consider others when parking at the school. We are aware that there are simply not enough car parks and we have contacted Ballarat City Council in regard to this matter, however in the mean time we ask families to consider community members when parking in Draper Street as we have neighbours who have been unable to get in and out of their drive ways. Especially when families are parking in both sides of the road. There is simply no turning space for our neighbours.



Little Bendigo Primary School: Silver Coin Challenge



The Parents and Friends (fundraising) Committee here at Little Bendigo are committed to assisting the school in fundraising. This semester we would like to propose making it possible to bring hot school lunches internally, making it more family and budget friendly. In order to do so, we are holding a silver coin challenge where we invite you to donate your spare silver coins. All monies raised will go towards a new chest freezer enabling us to purchase in bulk hot lunch food items.

Each studio will have their own large water container for the coins. The challenge will be for each studio to fill the container as much as they can in the time period set. We will run the challenge until the last few weeks of term 4.

The class that raises the most money by the end of the challenge will win a class reward in the last week of school. We encourage all families to help support their child's studio in this challenge. Good luck studios and may the coins be with you!

Little Bendigo Primary School Trivia Night

The school will be holding a Trivia night next Term, on Friday 19th October. So please save the date. This is a major fundraising event for the school, so any donations for prizes or assistance in preparing for the night would be greatly appreciated.

Father's Day

Father's Day stall will be held on **Friday 31st August** for Father's Day on Sunday the 2nd September.

The committee have pre purchased all the gifts and all gifts will be available for purchase for \$5 each. Children are welcome to buy for dad, grandad, step dad etc. The raffle for the students will still be available on the day. If families would like to donate towards this raffle, donations can be left at the office, thank you in advance. The **raffle will be \$1 per ticket**, so we remind kids to remember to bring some change for the raffle.

SPORTING NEWS

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A big two days was had at Major League by LBPS students. On the Tuesday we took 3 teams to the grade 3/4 comp. Each team represented the school proudly and displayed great sportsmanship. A special mention must go to the A boys team who competed in the top division and took out the title with a 3-0 win in the final. Well done boys!!!!

It was the 5/6 teams turn on Wednesday with 4 teams competing. Once again all students equipped themselves very well. From all reports the students displayed great teamwork and resilience when required. The A boys team unfortunately lost their semi-final 0-1 in the top division. While the A girls team lost the grand final 0-3, once again competing in the top division.

For such a small school to be so competitive against all the bigger schools in the area is a real credit to our children. I would like to thank Paul McDonald immensely for his time in helping to prepare the children for the tournament and coaching on the day. We are very lucky to have his enthusiastic and dedicated approach.

SCHOOL HOOPS

The children enjoyed their 2nd school hoops sessions today with Ryan and Nick. We are very lucky to be given access to Ballarat Miners players and have them impart their knowledge on us. Please enjoy a look at some of the photos.



Book Week Fun

Author Yvonne Horsfield visited the school yesterday to share with us some of her books and experience's author to help us celebrate Book Week. Students were invited to dress up as their favourite book character, and what amazing costumes there were. Thank you parents for all the effort. The kids looked awesome. Thank you to the fundraising committee for organising a special lunch for this day.



We continue to refine and develop our approaches in each and every task in the 5/6 room. The main focuses have been taking accountability and ownership of our actions and listening respectfully to each other to establish respectful relationships.



This week we have added kids news to our range of activities we complete during our reading groups. Kids news are stories from the Herald Sun that are appropriate for children. The stories help inform the children of things that are happening around the world to broaden their understanding of the world around them. The stories will help students develop their cultural, economic, political, and geographical knowledge to name a few. Each article has comprehension questions, classroom tasks and VCOP components for the students to explore.

Well done to the children who continue to complete homework in preparation for the future.



Another amazing week at L.B.P.S and in the Blue Gums studio has seen the students partake in a variety of activities, aside from the routines of the curriculum. This week the students had a visit from Yvonne Horsfield, a wonderful storyteller who shared her invaluable writing experiences, especially through the publishing process. The students are very eager to begin their book award stories, despite being a term away...

Some of you may have noticed your children playing a numeracy game called 'Prodigy'. The grade three students were signed up to the online program this week. The game is very beneficial in building numeracy skills and allows for both the parent and teacher to access student results and areas for improvement. The program is set up to align with classroom content.

Collectively, the class answered 122 tailored math questions on Wednesday night and 133 on Thursday night. Well done grade threes! Above and beyond!

Yours truly,
Snow White.



This term is flying by and concert is just around the corner. Students have been working hard creating amazing props for concert, making sure they know their parts and to on a great performance for you all. Students all know their parts well now and we are beginning to develop costume ideas, these details will go home next week. The studio has been focusing on their editing skills this week during our literacy sessions. They have been given a written text daily and they have been applying their knowledge of full stops and capital letter into full action. Top effort Peppermint Gums. Book Week dress up day yesterday was an absolute HIT!!! The junior studio all looked incredible dressed up as their favourite book characters. The studio had a wonderful day full of reading new books and we had the pleasure of Having Yvonne Horsfield read a beautiful story about Patrick the Wombat. The studio was captivated with this story that is a true story about Patrick the wombat from the Ballarat Wildlife Park. Fabulous week Peppermint Gums have a super weekend, enjoy that sunshine but don't forget to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SLIDE as the sun is coming back out for us all to enjoy.



It has been a very exciting week at Little Bendigo P.S!

The junior students planned and produced their own persuasive letters including the reasons why their families should **definitely** get a new pet! I must say they were **very** convincing!

It was wonderful to see all of the children dressed up for Book Week celebrations! As part of this, the Junior Studio P/1/2's wrote their own narratives in small groups incorporating characters from their favourite books.

The students also enjoyed listening to author Yvonne Horsfield read them her book, 'Patrick the Wombat.' A lovely story about a beloved wombat who lived at the Ballarat Wildlife Park for over thirty years!

During maths this fortnight the class used various dice to create equations involving addition, subtraction and multiplication. They also checked their answers to ensure they were correct by using abacus frames, calculators and blocks.

Creating positive relationships and building resilience are continued focuses in our studio. The children are encouraged to speak kindly to each other and problem solve when facing challenges both at school and at home.

Have a fantastic weekend and enjoy the sunny weather!



GRADE 3-6 MELBOURNE URBAN CAMP - UPDATE

Las week students were sent home with a permission and medical form for camp. Please could everyone return these forms by Monday as I need to advise Discovery Melbourne of any dietary requirements etc. For all parents who are attending camp I will see you all personally over the next week in regards to medical forms and payments.

In regards to student payments I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all the parents who have paid their childs/rens either deposit or whole amount for camp. We need the whole payment \$360 by September 21st. If you are having difficulties paying for camp please tammy or Janet.



Although it's great to see the sun shining outside it is BRILLIANT to see the Blue Mountain Ash Gums students continuing to shine in the classroom. At the moment we have been busy applying our knowledge, skills and work ethic to produce some outstanding information reports, recounts (see excerpts below) and engaging concert rehearsals. All students have been sent home with a note stating their costume

requirements for concert. It would be great if students could please bring these into class over the coming weeks so we can have a full dress rehearsal the week before concert. A special mention to; Sam for outstanding spelling results, Riley for approaching tasks with a smile and positive attitude and Sophia for persevering to read out aloud with great expression. Over the past six weeks we have been extremely fortunate to have Miss Stephan in our classroom, but unfortunately her six week teaching round comes to an end on Monday. We would all like to thank Miss Stephan for all her wonderful work and we wish her all the best in her teaching career.

The goals for the recounts were to write about what they had for tea and the students had to use talking marks.

For dinner I had yummy chops, rice and vegies. When we finished dinner I was going to watch Odd Squad but mum kept on telling me stuff to do like, "Put your plate up next to the sink" or "Go put your placemat away". It was very annoying. Gus

For dinner I had some very tasty skinless hotdogs. Mum let me eat them in bed since they are not messy. Later I watched the T.V. series 911, it was the third episode. I said, "Mum this is good!" Ruby

I had some delicious spaghetti. I helped cook it. After tea mum said, "Take out the trash." I said "NO!" with anger in my voice. Riley

I had lime covered, scrumptious seaweed (chicken) sticks for tea. After I told mum "I would get them again." I got old to have rainbow ice-cream for dessert. "YAY!" I said happily. Rory



A huge shout out Victoria Street Baker's Delight for donating the hot dog rolls for book week special lunch



Rainbow walkathon/fun run sponsorship forms have been sent home.

Bookclub orders are due back by 6th September!!



HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME WITH READING

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION SESSIONS

Over the coming weeks I, Tammy, will be running 4 information sessions that will be focusing on “How you can help your child at home with reading”. During these sessions I will focus on a range of strategies that you, as a parent, can help your child develop their reading accuracy and comprehension at home in a fun and meaningful way.

Two sessions will focus on students in grades prep, one and two and the other two sessions will focus on students in grades three, four, five and six.

I have tried to cater for everyone by running the sessions during the day and the evening and therefore the evening and daytime session are exactly the same. If the following session times do not suit but you would like to attend please see Tammy.

Session times are:

Grades Prep, One and Two

Wednesday 29th August 7:00pm – 7:45pm Helping your child at home with reading * Grades P-2

Friday 31st August 2:30pm -3:15pm Helping your child at home with reading * Grades P-2

Grades 3-6

Thursday 30th August 7:00pm – 7:45pm Helping your child at home with reading * Grades 3-6

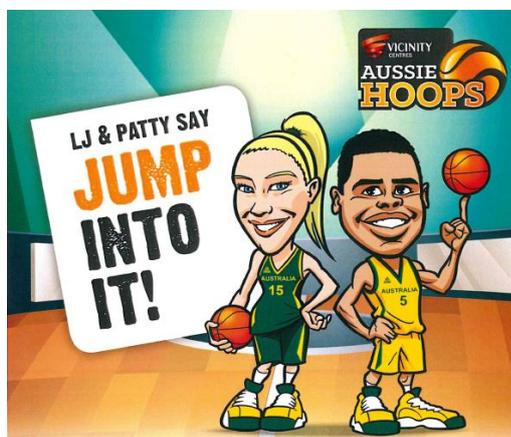
Friday 7th September 2:30pm -3.15pm Helping your child at home with reading * Grades 3-6

Family Relationship Centre

- Mediation for separated parents or carers.
- Assistance managing separation.
- Support to minimise children’s exposure to conflict.
- Property mediation for former couples.
- Information and referrals for support.

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Ballarat High-Monday 4.15pm-5pm

Minerdome-Wednesday 4.15pm-5pm

TERM 4 2018 STARTS OCTOBER 15

