PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

There is a great deal of excitement amongst students and staff, as our concert is next Wednesday. Students need to arrive at the Mechanics Institute at 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start.

Our junior studio students will attend the Mechanics Institute from 9:00am to 12:00pm and senior studio students will attend from 11:30 to 3:00pm for a full dress rehearsal on that day.

I would like to congratulate our Year 3 and 5 students on their impressive NAPLAN results. The results are a testament to the great effort that students at the school put into their learning each and every day and the dedication of our teaching staff.

Mr Tait

Notification of Student Absence

Just a reminder to please notify the school by telephone, email or the Skool Loop App, prior to 10:00am if your child will not be attending school on that day. It is a Department of Education requirement that parents notify the school that their child will be absent and that the school follows up with parents, to help ensure the safety of our students and that they have arrived at school.

Remember to save the date for our Trivia night next Term, on Friday 19th October. This is a major fundraising event for the school, so any donations of prizes or assistance in preparing for the night would be greatly appreciated.
**Concert** - The concert is being held at The Mechanics Institute on Sturt St. If you haven’t already purchased your tickets please do so by Monday as second round tickets sales will be available Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets will be $10 per ticket or 4 tickets (family) for $20. Doors will be open at 6pm for a 6:30pm start. Our fundraising committee will be selling snacks and cold drinks before and after the concert. Cherry Ripe/Twirl/Crunchie/Mars Bars for $2 each. Water and soft drink for $2 each. Due to such a large program we will not be selling snacks or drinks during the 10 minute interval.

**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.

A reminder that it is compulsory to wear hats in term 4 as part of our sun smart policy. As part of our uniform range, hats are on sale in the office. Bucket hats are $7.50 each, slouch hats (broad brimmed) and Legionnaire (baseball caps with long flap) are $9.00 each.

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**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!

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To raise further funds for the Cancer Council, Dakota, Abi and Imogene will be conducting a raffle. Tickets will be sold from Monday 3rd September until the end of term. Tickets are 50c each and are available for purchase at the front gate 15 minutes prior to school starting and 15 minutes after the completion of school. Remember all money goes to a great cause! Thanks, Dakota, Abi and Imogene
SPORTING NEWS

TENNIS LESSONS

Please note that the form for tennis lessons has gone home with today’s newsletter. Lessons will run for 8 weeks on a Friday evening after school.

ATHLETICS

Good luck to our athletes next Friday at the Ballarat and District Athletics carnival. Please ensure that children are at their events 30min prior to starting time.

Another week has flown by in the Lemon Scented Gums, this week has been all about testing. The students have done well to cope with such demands and achieve some really fantastic results, particularly in the area of spelling.

Hopefully by now all students have arranged their costumes for concert next week. If all students could please bring their costumes to school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for full dress rehearsals. If you haven’t already arranged the purchase of tickets, please ensure you do this promptly.

The students have been completing some testing this week in all areas of the curriculum. I have been so proud of their resilience towards completing these assessment tasks. Well done!

We will complete a dress rehearsal of our concert performance on Monday next week. Could students please bring their costumes in a bag to show and use on Monday (full school uniform is still required for the day). I will store the costumes at school, so that they are ready to use on Wednesday at the Mechanics Institute.

Cheers,
Mr Brown

What a buzz it has been in the Peppermint Gum Studio this week. We have been super busy with starting our term 3 assessment and once again their results are excellent. They should all be very proud of their achievements this year so far.

We have concert fast approaching if you haven’t got your tickets yet, they will be on sale at the office next week as well. Also if they could get as much practice for their performance of “We build this city” at home that would be great. A note went home earlier this week in regards to their clothing for concert. I stressed to all students that if you do not have those coloured clothes at home already, just black top and dark/black pants/jeans will be absolutely fine. A SHOUT OUT to Isaac!!! For the month of August he set himself a goal to read 100 books for the MS Read-A-Thon and to raise $200. Isaac read 100 books and exceeded his goal of $200 and raised a total of $300.20 Top effort well done!!!

Have a delightful weekend Peppermint Gums see you all Monday.
The Stringybarks have been practicing hard for the concert next week and have shown great resilience throughout a big week of testing.

We have had another exciting week in the Blue Mountain Ash Gums. The concert items are looking fantastic and I’m extremely impressed with how well all have learnt their lines/scripts. Not only have we been busily working on our concert items and props but also assessment tasks and China Challenge entries.

Just a reminder that the concert starts at 6:30 and is being held at the Mechanics Institute on Sturt St. We are aiming for the concert to finish between 8:30pm and 9:00pm.

On Monday 17th September (last Monday of the term) we will be having a footy colours day. Students are welcome to wear their favourite footy teams’ colours/outfits for the whole day. There will be a variety of footy activities for students to participate in during recess and lunch time. This will be a gold coin donation for those dressing up. Any queries please see Tammy.

Rainbow Walkathon/Fun Run Last Day of Term

During the last 15 minutes of the Rainbow Walkathon/Fun Run students will be participating in a rainbow chalk extravaganza. This extravaganza incorporates students having coloured (rainbow) chalk bombs/balloons thrown at them by staff and parents. All students will be supplied glasses (protective eye wear) during this extravaganza. Although this chalk is not meant to stain clothes it is asked if students could please bring along a white t-shirt to wear for the last lap so the rainbow chalk will light them up like a rainbow and protect their school/casual clothes at the same time. If you do not want your child to participate in the rainbow extravaganza please see your child’s class teacher. If there are any questions regarding this event, please see Tammy.

Just a reminder sponsorship forms and money are due this coming Monday, (10th September).
Junior School Concert Costumes:

Dear families,
To make your concert preparation as relaxed and stress-free as possible we have tried to ensure all costume requirements are simple and use clothing your child most likely already owns.

- **Prep/One students performing, ‘Rock Around The Clock,’ ‘Your Welcome’ and ‘The Day The Crayons Quit’** are asked to wear jeans and a plain, dark top.

- **Grade 2 and 3 students performing, ‘Lost Boy’** are asked to dark jeans and a dark top.

- **Grade 2 students performing, ‘We Built This City On Rock and Roll’** are asked different costumes depending on their character:
  
  *City people:* ‘business style clothes’ (shirts, jackets, ties, dresses, or dark jeans and tops).

  *Band:* dark jeans and tops (the students have made their own instruments).

  *Builders:* Dark clothing with boots, high vis vests and hard hats (the students have made their own tools).

- **Grade 3 students performing, ‘Bring It All Back’** are asked to wear summer beach clothes:
  - board shorts
  - t-shirts/ singlets (no midriffs)
  - dresses
  - sandals/thongs
  - sunglasses
  - hats

If you have any queries, please see me.

Thanks,

Mrs Stacey
Warrenheip Multi-sport Courts Official Opening and Warrenheip Memorial Hall 50th Anniversary Celebrations

OFFICIAL OPENING AT 10 O’CLOCK AM

WHERE: Warrenheip Memorial Hall, 335 Trentham Rd, Warrenheip

WHEN: Saturday 22 September 2018, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

HAT: Multi-sport Courts Official Openings: Memorial Hall 50th Anniversary Celebrations | Tennis, Basketball & Netball | Sausage Sizzle, Chocks and Coffee Van

TENNIS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE:

School Holiday Tennis Clinics – Tuesday 2nd October and Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Tennis programs – shortened Monday 1st October – full details of all programs available.

For more information contact Annetta Justice on (03) 5447803

WARRENHEIP TENNIS CLUB CONTACTS:

President: Stephen Golla, (0439) 549204
Treasurer: Julie Blackmore, (0429) 573243
Secretary: Angela Justice, (0429) 54765

Register Now at aussiehoops.com.au

$95 for new participant
$70 for returning participants

Ballarat High - Monday 4.15pm-5pm
Minerdome - Wednesday 4.15pm-5pm

TERM 4 2018 STARTS OCTOBER 15

Hey Kids!

This school holidays join in the fun at the...

Skin, Ski & Surf

Basketball Camps

Held at the Wendouree Sports and Events Centre
October 1st, 2nd & 3rd

$50 FOR 1 DAY (per participant)
$125 FOR 3 DAYS
$190 FOR 2 CHILDREN FOR 3 DAYS
$250 FOR 3 CHILDREN FOR 3 DAYS

Available for kids of all ages

Funded by the Victorian Government

Partially supported by
Hey Kids
“It’s Time for another Blue Light”

This is an invitation to all local primary school pupils to attend Ballarat Blue Light’s next disco on Friday, 21st September.

We have plenty more prizes to local attractions to give away this disco, including family passes to Sovereign Hill, Tan Pim Bowling & the Ballarat Wildlife Park. So don’t forget to ask your parents if you can come along.

Friday 21st September.
7PM to 9PM
At Sebastopol RSL Hall, Beverin Street, Sebastopol.

Entry is only $7 Per Person.

Blue Light Disco is drug, alcohol and weapon free.

It is fully supervised and there are no Pass Outs.
Children must be dropped off and picked up by a Responsible Adult.

For more information call Leading Senior Constable Dave Hudson 0409 865 093
Don’t forget to watch out for your photos in 2018 on facebook.com/ballaratblueightschool
You can also follow us on Snapchat at blightlight.

We can’t wait to see you there!

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DECODING BEHAVIOUR 101

With Darren Gannon and Bobbi Cook

For parents, IT carers, teachers (early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary, specialists, aides and teacher assistants, administrative and support staff and other educational professionals), coaches, emergency service personnel and allied health and support workers.

Cover the why, how and what to do of responding effectively when children and their families present with complex behaviours.

In the morning, an intensive presentation by psychologists Darren Gannon, who with 30 years experience in disability, specialist care management and mental health, will provide the why of understanding and insights into the complexities of arousal, meltdown, negotiation and containment.

In the afternoon behaviour therapist Bobbi Cook, who with 20 years experience working with complex families, will facilitate a practical implementation workshop sharing and how’s and what’s of successful behaviour management and modification.

You will come away with fresh insights into the purpose of behaviours of concern. Experience a range of tools helpful in understanding and responding to challenging behaviours and therefore increasing feelings of success, quality of life and sense of efficacy for everyone involved.

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PLAY GROUP

Come and join us for Playgroup
Wednesday Mornings 9am-10:30am

Little Bendigo Primary School
8 Monte Street Nerrina
(in the Shedtorium)

All parents with children under school age are welcome!

For further information please phone
Janet on 53326317
Dear Parents,

The Brown Hill Cricket Club is looking to recruit boys and girls to play cricket this coming season. Starting with Woolworths Junior Blasters (Formally Milo In2 Cricket) through to U13 Friday Night Cricket.

**Woolworths Junior Blasters**
Commences on Tuesday 23rd October 4.30pm at Brown Hill Reserve. A Maximum of 10 sessions will be conducted, approximately 8 before Xmas (subject to weather) with the remainder starting back in February 2019. Cost to register is $85 and will need to be done through Cricket Victoria Website including the ordering of your child’s apparel & equipment. Late registration can be done at the club at any of the sessions.

**U12 Midweek Cricket**
The U12 midweek Ballarat Cricket Association/School Competition is due to commence on Wednesday 24th October. Games start at 4.15pm with a maximum of 11 players participating. The BHCC will make available all necessary equipment along with playing shirt & cap. Players would be required to wear either white cricket pants or shorts of their choice. The club will run practice sessions each Tuesday night prior to games, starting on Tuesday 16th October from 4.30pm at Brown Hill Reserve. There is no cost to families for the duration of the season.

**U13 Friday night Cricket**
The U13 Friday Night competition is due to commence on Friday 12th of October at 4.30pm with a maximum of 9 players participating. The BHCC will make available all the necessary equipment along with playing shirt & cap. Players would be required to wear white cricket pants. The club will run practice sessions each Tuesday night prior to games, starting on Tuesday 9th October from 4.30pm at Brown Hill Reserve. Each player would be required to pay a $30 club membership and $5 each Friday night. This will assist club to pay BCA team affiliation, Umpires and the cost of a new ball for each week. Please give me a call if you require any further information.

Looking forward to possibly having your child participate.
Thank you

Phillip Knowles
President & junior Coordinator
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