

# Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 3 Week 8



## NEWS

Well we only have two weeks left until the end of term. A couple of events are coming up with our Grade 5/6 Basketball Team competing next week and Brydee's Greatest Shave taking place on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. I encourage our school community to get behind Brydee's fundraising efforts, either online, or sponsorship donations can be made at the school office. Please support this great cause. Our Footy Colours and Hot Dog Day will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Mr Brown will be taking 12 months leave commencing at the end of this term, to pursue his interest in secondary teaching. We will miss Mr Brown while he is away and I have appointed Ellen Glover (Miss G) to replace him for Term 4. Miss G is looking forward to teaching our Grade 2/3 students again. A letter from Mr Brown to our school community is in this newsletter.

Have a great weekend!

Anthony Tait

## KIDS DAY OUT

WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! What an awesome achievement by all the students who attended the Kid's Day Out. I was so proud of all of our students for accepting the challenge of going out of their comfort zone to perform, on stage, in front of approximately 280 students from 8 different schools. The students not only had a great time performing but also singing and dancing along to the other schools' performances. So all parents have the chance to see their child / children's performances the following grades will be performing on the dates outlined below at Monday morning assemblies.

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Grade 4/5 performing Stitches

Grade 5/6 performing Waiting for Love

## Important Dates:

### TERM 3:

#### **11<sup>th</sup> September**

Grade 5/6 Basketball

#### **12<sup>th</sup> September**

R U OK? DAY

F/1/2 Camp Info Session 3:20pm

#### **17<sup>th</sup> September**

Brydee's Greatest Shave

Footy Colours & Hot Dog Day

#### **20<sup>th</sup> September**

Last Day of Term 2

Rewards Day

#### **6<sup>th</sup> November**

Little Bendigo Art Show

**IT'S NOT OK  
TO BE AWAY**

Please contact the school every day your child is away.

Phone: 5332 6317

Email: see above

On the Skool Loop



#### FROM THE OFFICE:

A reminder about our camps. Parents wishing to pay installments please note the following:  
Junior Camp: Total cost \$115. 4 weeks left until full payment is due (Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Oct). If you have not made any payment then to pay by weekly installments makes \$29 per week. If students are eligible for CSEF then cost is \$50, which equals \$12.50/week.

Senior Camp: Total cost \$285. 7 weeks left until full payment is due (Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov). If you have not made any payment then to pay by weekly installments makes \$41 per week. If students are eligible for CSEF then cost is \$220, which equals \$31.50/week.

Family statements have been sent home today. Please note that some recent transactions may not show on your statement. If you have any concerns about how to read your statement or you think something is incorrect, please contact Michelle in the office on most Monday's, Thursday's or Friday's.

We would appreciate any outstanding uniform charges be paid promptly once you have received the goods.



This week the Peppermint Gums have been smashing their individual reading goals with students reading their M100 or M200 words and reading with excellent fluency and expression. A special mention to Imogen and Tom for reading a page from a level 17 and 16 reader respectively with outstanding fluency. It makes me so proud when the students get the BUZZ when they achieve their goals, and how excited they become. Please remember students have been sent home individual spelling words to practice at home. Students not only practice these words at home but also at school and are tested on a weekly basis.

#### Foundation/One/Two CAMP

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3:20 pm there will be a short 10 minute meeting in the library for all parents wishing to attend the Foundation/one/two camp. If you are unable to attend this meeting please see or email me [attard.tammy.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:attard.tammy.m@edumail.vic.gov.au) so I can inform you of the meeting details. If there are any queries please don't hesitate to see me before or after school. Thanks, Tammy Attard



As we start to get closer to the end of the term we continue to challenge ourselves in the 5/6 classroom. Students have been completing the regular reading group activities each week, the literacy circle conversations have been outstanding this term! In writing this week the students turned their attention to alliteration poems as well as completing a moderated writing piece and editing their Big Write stories from the previous week.

During maths the students wrapped up the unit on time with their post-test on essential assessment. I was blown away with numerous results, certain students managed to progress up to 2 years growth from pre-test to post-test! We have now turned our focus to money for the rest of the term.

On Monday students looked back at the inquiry topics they have covered so far this year and had to record down what they had learnt from each topic.

Well done to Mac and Bryce on their academic excellence certificates this week.

Prep



I am finding it so hard to believe that is week 8 and term 3 is almost coming to a close so quickly. We had a wonderful couple of weeks in the Stringybark Studio. In our writing sessions we have been focusing strongly on our individual writing goals. Students have been writing sentences and using their resource folders to assist them to spell the M100 high frequency words. It has been a very proud moment this week with students sharing with each other their writing achievements this year so far. Super stars in the Stringybark Studio.

Congratulations to our foundation students on their Academic Excellence Awards

Carys for super spelling during our M100

Matthew for sounding out new words when he is reading

Emily for displaying great classroom values

Nate for super neat hand writing

A few snaps from our Collaborative Learning on Thursday this week. Our Learning Stations this week included:

Exploring Capacity, subtraction with number lines, letter formation and collaborative play.

Here are some snaps from our Collaborative Learning Stations this week.



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The weeks are flying by in the Blue Gums studio this term!

Firstly, congratulations to our academic award recipients Naida and Isaac for their great B.I.G write session last week.

This week in literacy time we have focused on rhyming couplets, rapid writing and completed our cold write of "A Girl in a Bottle". During numeracy, we have continued our work on length and have focused on our subtraction skills to address our four processes.

During inquiry time, we have moved away from 'Gold' as our focus and have begun looking at 'current affairs'. This week we looked at 'Space Junk' and even designed our own 'space junk cleaner'.

Thank you to those who have been returning their home readers consistently, keep up the great work!



The annual grade 5/6 basketball competition is coming around again. We have entered a boys and a girls team into this competition.

This event will be held at the new Basketball stadium on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Students have received their notice for this today.

## ATHLETICS

Well done to the following students who have qualified for the Ballarat Region Athletics Championships.

- Levi- 1500m, 800m & Relay
- Amelia- 1500m, 200 & Relay
- Mac- 1500m
- Buddy- 100m & Relay
- Sophia – 100m, Triple Jump & Relay
- Kale- 200m & Relay
- Chris – 800m
- Alec- Discus
- Sam- Shot put
- Kaitlin- Shot put

Students will have received information and a timetable in relation to the day. We wish these children all the best on the 13<sup>th</sup> September. Let us get practicing!

There has been some great learning happening in the Art room over the past few weeks! I have been impressed with the students of Little Bendigo and the quality of their work, particularly as the Art show approaches (November 6th).



As there was no newsletter item for Art last week, well done to last week's recipients:

- Prep - Tyson
- P/1 - Emily
- 2/3 - Lucas
- 4/5 - Mikkayla
- 5/6 - Chris

And great job to this week's recipients:

- Prep - Bastion
- P/1 - Pip
- 2/3 - Yak & Johnathan
- 4/5 - Brayden
- 5/6 - Harry & Sophie

Miss G



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## FREE OPEN TRAINING SESSION

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGING, FUN AND SAFE SPORT FOR YOUR SON?

Gymnastics is the perfect sport to teach your son focus and self-discipline - skills that can assist with their learning and concentration.

Our Men's Artistic Gymnastics Program:

- Builds strength
- Enhances co-ordination and agility
- Develops posture and confident body movement
- Challenges the mind and body to reach new goals
- Develops healthy minds and bodies for now and later in life

Come and try men's artistic gymnastics in a 1 ½ hour session run by our qualified coaches. Parents of current gymnasts will be available for any questions you may have.

GIVE YOUR SON THE RIGHT START IN LIFE



DISPLAY BY VICTORIAN STATE TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

MEET 'BOUNCE' GYMNASTICS VICTORIA MASCOT

FREE BBQ FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

WHEN: SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 3:30 - 5 PM

WHERE: 11 MENTAY WAY MITCHELL PARK

PH: 0403 506 322

COST: FREE PARENTS OR CARERS MUST STAY FOR SESSION

Dear Little Bendigo Community,

I am writing to let you all know that I have decided to take twelve months leave from the classroom, beginning at the end of this term. This has been a very tough decision to make, but it is a decision that I need to make in order to pursue a career in secondary teaching.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole Little Bendigo community for their unwavering support and friendship over the last three years. The relationships built with the staff, parents and students here at Little Bendigo Primary School are truly special and something I feel very privileged to have been a part of.

To the students, particularly the grade two/threes of 2019, thank you for the great laughs, learning and memories that I'll carry forward with me into the world of teenage learning. I appreciate your work ethic, motivation and eagerness towards all that school has to offer. I know that I'm leaving before the school year is out, however, the Blue Gums studio will be in the very capable hands of Miss G who will ensure that all your social, emotional and learning needs are met.

To the staff, I cannot thank you enough for your guidance and professionalism over my time at Little Bendigo. You have a terrific team of educators who do everything possible to ensure the safety and learning of our students. You really are 'The A Team'!

Lastly, to Mr Smith I know that you will miss me, but I promise to visit as much as possible and call you to see how Des and Troy are going.

Thank you and I will visit!

Mr Brown

#### **BRYDEE'S GREATEST SHAVE:**

"I'm taking part in the World's Greatest Shave for the Leukaemia Foundation at 9.30am on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September! I'm on a mission to shave the world from blood cancer.

Please sponsor me to give families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. You'll also fund vital research to help more people survive blood cancers, while improving their quality of life.

Every day another 35 Australians are diagnosed with a blood cancer. That's one Aussie every 41 minutes. Although research is improving survival, sadly an Australian loses their life to blood cancer every two hours.

Will you help by sponsoring me?"

To donate online: <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/brydeecooke>

If anyone else wants to join in by shaving or colouring their hair they can get their parent/guardian to enrol them at <https://worldsgreatestshave.com> and choose Little Bendigo Primary school. There is also a donation box in Mr Tate's office for people if they wish to donate. Every little bit helps.



WWW.BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU

PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS

**BlueLight**

**20<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

**BALLARAT FOOTY FEVER**

**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

**7-9PM | PRIMARY AGE | \$7 ENTRY**

**SEBASTOPOL RSL HALL**  
CNR BEVERIN & BIRDWOOD AVE, SEBASTOPOL  
CONTACT DES HUDSON 0409 865 093

**WEAR YOUR FOOTY COLOURS!**

BALLARAT BLUE LIGHT DISCO  
PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO LIKE THE PAGE IF YOU ARE UNDER 13  
CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AVAILABLE BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU/CONDITIONS\_OF\_ENTRY

Instagram: BALLARATBLUELIGHTDISCO



**TENNIS BALLARAT HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

**Multi Sports Expo:**  
Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th of September

**Junior Clinic:**  
Tuesday 1st October - Friday 4th October



The Holiday Expo is a full day program with 4 sports running from 9:00am to 3:30pm for students aged between 5-13. \$60 per day

The Junior Clinic is a four day clinic which runs in the mornings from 10:30am to 12:30pm, and is aimed at children between the ages of 5 and 12. \$30 per day or \$100 for all four days

8-40 Grant Street Sebastopol 5336 2500



**JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION**

The Mt Prospect Tennis Association 2019/20 tennis season is just around the corner. Junior Pennant, Development Competition and Hot Shots Programs catering for children and adolescents of all age and ability levels.

**Season commencing Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**

New members welcome. Join a team, play with friends – become part of this amazing community tennis club. Head to our website [www.mtprospecttennis.com.au](http://www.mtprospecttennis.com.au) or call/ text 0400947477 for further details.

*Great people.....great courts.....great sport.....great fun!!*

**MPTA**  
MT. PROSPECT TENNIS ASSOC.

NEW & EXISTING PLAYERS **WELCOME**

**15 MIN**  
FROM BALLARAT

**ENQUIRIES 0422 607 224**