

# Little Bendigo P.S. Newsletter



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Term 4, Week 2

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*It is fantastic to see our students return to school this term, in such a positive manner. I have already had students visit me to collect a Principal's Award for achieving their learning goals and persevering with their writing. Students have participated in a number of events over the last few days, both at school and in the community, and have represented the school and themselves very well. Our senior students and staff are very excited to be heading off to Melbourne next week for camp – I am sure they will have a great time exploring the sites.*

*Anthony Tait*

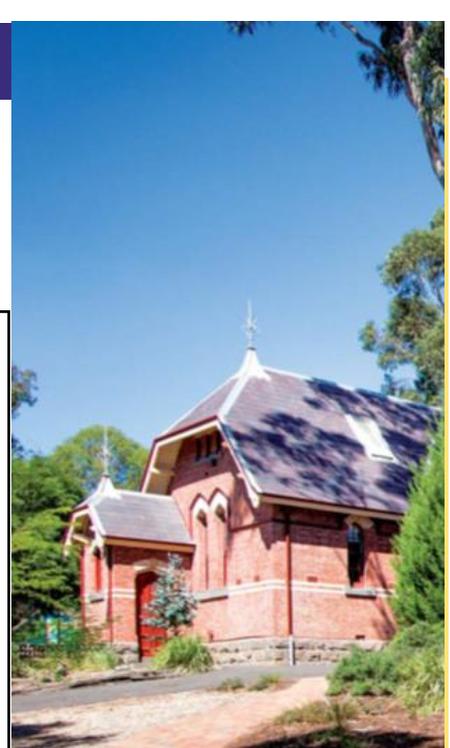
### **Curriculum Day – Friday November 16th**

*Friday 16th November is a school council approved student free day. Students are not to attend school on this day. Teachers are attending professional development to further support student achievement in Writing.*

### **Club 1878 (Curriculum Day)**

*Club 1878 will operate on the day, providing that a minimum of children are required to proceed with care. Can families please contact Heather Robinson on 0467 187 817 to book care for the day.*

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.



## 2018 Term Dates

### Term 4

Oct 8<sup>th</sup>-Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

Wednesdays – Playgroup 9am-11am

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Little Bendigo PS Trivia Night

October 24-26:  
Grade 3-6 Camp

October 31<sup>st</sup>  
School Photos

November 1-2:  
Grade F-2 Camp

November 16<sup>th</sup>  
Curriculum Day

### Prep Transition Days:

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Oct

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Nov

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

## Little Bendigo Primary School: Silver Coin Challenge



Remember to continue collecting silver coins to add to each studio's water container. The challenge is for each studio to fill the container as much until the last few weeks of term 4.

All monies raised will go towards a new chest freezer enabling us to purchase in bulk hot lunch food items. 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's Trivia Night



Victoria Bowling Club, 231 Victoria Street, Ballarat

7pm, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Tickets available for purchase from the office. \$15 each or get a table of 10 together for only \$100.

Bring your own snacks, drinks at bar prices.

The term is off to a cracking start in the Blue Gums studio! Students have been busy completing many classroom tasks ranging from 'chance and data', pronouns, to time connectives. I have been highly impressed with the students reading and homework this week! From memory, ten out of seventeen students returned either reading and/or homework and it is not even compulsory!



Looking forward to camp next week,  
Mr Brown



Busy, busy, busy. The students are stepping up the challenges so far in term 4 which is pleasing to see. We have refined our program by tailoring it to help prepare students for year 7, the introduction of literacy circles to our reading program has been beneficial. It has been very pleasing to see students working busily on their 'Countries Of The World' project. Hopefully students have communicated their country with families, as it is such a big project I have allowed students to work on it at home as well as school. Students are learning some incredible facts which is pleasing to witness.

Thanks to those grade 6 students who have brought in photos for graduation already. A reminder that homework is due on Mondays. I am really hoping to see an increase in homework being completed this term in preparation for year 7 from those grade 6 students.



Another great week in the Peppermint Gums Studio. It is term 4 and we are really encouraging the using and applying of all knowledge and skilled acquired in the three terms and are still continuing to acquire new knowledge and skills this term.

Please ensure your child is reading at least three nights a week. Many students have not been reading at all, if you are unable to sit and read with your child, encourage them to read independently. Please ensure reader records are in your child's bag each day as we are reading and or changing readers every day.

Thank you to those families who supplied the studio with magazines. We are now seeking shopping catalogues. Thank you in advance.

We have had a great start to term 4 in the Stringybark Gums!



The students have been busy doing lots of maths investigations focusing on estimating; weight, length and distance using objects found at home and in the classroom.

The development of sentence structure has also been a strong focus the past two weeks, with students ensuring their sentences have punctuation used correctly throughout.

We are also preparing for the junior school camp in early November! Please ensure permission slips and medical forms are returned no later than October 29<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder that the students are expected to be reading for 15 minutes at home a minimum of five times a week. I will be checking reader diaries daily.



## ECOLINC- 'RECYCLING PAPER' VISIT

Thank-you to Ainsley from Ecolinc for teaching our junior students (foundation, 1, 2) how to make recycled paper out of our left over cut offs!



## WOOLWORTHS CRICKET VISIT

Thank-you to Brendan from Woolworths Cricket for taking our junior classes through a cricket clinic. Students were taught all the entry skills to cricket through fun games and skill activities. We had a blast! Also a big shout out to Mr Smith for organising the session.





Congratulations to Chris, Harry and Logan for receiving academic excellence awards for organising and conducting a Ninja Warrior course for grades 3-6 last term. It was great to see the three boys all learn how to read, write and order times using a stopwatch and then apply their newly acquired skills and knowledge to facilitate such an engaging real life activity. Congratulations to Zane -1<sup>st</sup> place,

Alyssa -2<sup>nd</sup> place, Jamieson 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Sam 4<sup>th</sup> place and Ari 5<sup>th</sup> place. Due to this activity being thoroughly enjoyed by all participants and a very vocal audience, Mr Smith has planted the seed of maybe a Teacher's Ninja Warrior competition later in the term, therefore if you see teachers attempting to cross the monkey bars, running laps of the oval and going down the slides you know they are in serious training mode. Chris, Harry and Logan will keep you all updated of when this great event will take place.

Yesterday, to the absolute delight of all the Mountain Ash Gums students, they received their new smartboard. It was fantastic to see the students using this equipment straight away to work on their goals. Well done to Sophia and Danielle for working on their multiplication equations by multiplying 3 digits by 2 digits.

### Grade 3-6 Melbourne Urban Camp

Only 5 sleeps to go! Wow, it's hard to believe how quickly camp has come around. On Wednesday morning could all students be at school by 8:45am at the latest, as we need to pack the bus and leave school by 9:00am so we can arrive at our first attraction, Eureka Skydeck, on time.

## **SPORTING NEWS**

### **TENNIS TIMETABLE TERM 4**

Thanks to all the children/families who are supporting the tennis lessons. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come in and see Mr Smith.

3:30pm – 4:00pm	4:00pm- 4:30pm	4:30pm- 5:00pm	5:00pm-5:30pm
Lily B Farris Imogen Skyla	Ring Max Amelia Rex	Blake Kale	

Thanks to the families who have already paid for their child's tennis lessons, if payment has not been made can you please ensure you organise your payment as promptly as possible to Mr Smith. As this program is run by an external business it is important that parents are on hand to supervise their child or have made appropriate arrangements. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

Thanks Mr Smith.



# China Challenge

What a wonderful afternoon at the town hall. I was so impressed with how well Little Bendigo PS performed this year. Congratulations once again to those student who place. For those of you who did not, don't be disheartened, there is always next year.

## JUNIOR BASKETBALL

I am looking to seek **expressions of interest** in potentially entering willing students into a weekly basketball competition for 2019.

Teams are gender orientated and are split into age categories.

Under 8- Players born in 2012, 2013, 2014

Under 10- Players born in 2010, 2011

Under 12- Players born in 2008, 2009

Under 14- Players born in 2006, 2007

In order to field teams I need five participants in the one age group.

(For example, five boys willing to play under/12's and six girls willing to play under/8's.)

Games are played on Saturday mornings at the Ballarat Minerdome.

Cost: \$9.30 per game and \$40.58 every 12 months for player insurance.

Please note that school-based clubs don't charge a 'club fee' making this cheaper than current local clubs.

If you think you have a child wanting to play next year please contact Mr Brown either in person or via email (brown.nicholas.n@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S WEEK**  
20-28 October 2018

**Special Event**  
Family Day at the Ballarat Wildlife Park  
Saturday 27 October  
City of Ballarat and BADC  
Adult entry \$22.50\*  
1 child aged 5-10 years - free entry, additional children \$14.50 each\*\*  
All children under 5 years of age - free entry  
\*On Family Day only, tickets must be purchased at front entry

**Fun Day at Victoria Park**  
Inclusive Play Space  
Saturday 28 October  
From 12.30pm  
FREE EVENT

Children's views and opinions are respected

BRIDGE MALL KIDS' PARTY - YMCA FUN SKATE - GYMBAROO OPEN DAY  
CHILDREN'S AUTHOR MICHAEL PANCKRIDGE - BREAD MAKING - COME TRY GYMNASTICS  
BOTANIKIDS - EUREKA EXPLORERS' PROSPECTORS' TRAIL - DAZZLING DAN  
SPRING INTO SPRING! - POP-UP PLAYGROUP - BOAA CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

For full program listing visit [ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au) or check our Facebook page

Logos: Child Friendly Ballarat, City of Ballarat, The Education State, Victoria Government, Department of Education and Training



**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)

**Let US give YOU the peace of mind**

**Inclusive | Safe | Engaging**



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

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

**All parents with children under school  
age are welcome!**

For further information please phone

Janet on 53326317



**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, 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

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

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

**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's 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 Des Hudson 0409 865 093

Don't forget to watch out for your photos in 2018 on

[facebook.com/ballarathbluelightdisco](https://www.facebook.com/ballarathbluelightdisco).

You can also follow us on Snapchat at bbluelight.

***We can't wait to see you there!***

# BROWN HILL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2018

The award-winning Brown Hill Community Festival is a free family-friendly event.

**5 to 7.30pm | Friday 26 October**

Brown Hill Recreation Reserve, Humfray Street North

The Brown Hill Community Festival is a Brown Hill Progress Association event



## GREAT ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES

Jumping castles, Activities by Girl Guides, Brown Hill Cricket Club and Waterwatch Victoria. Nature crafts for kids. (Some activities will request a gold coin donation)

Ballarat and Glen Park CFA Fire Trucks (weather permitting)

Performances by children from Brown Hill Kindergarten and Caledonian Primary School.

Performances by the Ballarat Highland Dancers and the Federation University Pipe Band.

Local community group displays including Ballarat Toy Library, Eureka Mums, Ballarat Wholefoods Collective, Gramplains Central West Waste & Resource Recovery Group and Boomerang Bags.

Brown Hill Local Area Plan display.

To keep up-to-date with the Brown Hill Community Festival:

Email [festival@brownhill.vic.au](mailto:festival@brownhill.vic.au)

Web [brownhill.vic.au](http://brownhill.vic.au)

Brown Hill Community Festival



## FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

Sausage Sizzle Pancakes Drinks Coffee cart and food vans  
Brown Hill Lions Club Brown Hill Uniting Church Caledonian Primary School