



# BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Welcome back to Term 2!

**WOW and congratulations to everyone on our enormous team effort at Violet St PS!** Who would have thought it possible? Just 3 weeks ago we were working in classrooms. But today, the majority of our students commenced their remote learning programmes for Term 2. Thanks to everyone who has helped to make this a success. The majority of our teachers are now working remotely and also providing supervision at school via a roster system. This approach will allow us to provide continuity of learning for your children, whilst keeping everyone safe.

## Teaching and learning programmes:

Teachers emailed programmes to families on Tuesday afternoon. They will continue to make daily email 'check ins' with all remote learning families (between 8:45– 9:30am every day) to keep up 'normal school' routines. It is a bit like marking the class roll, via email or phone. All class teachers will also arrange a time for 'learning conferences' (explicit individual weekly contact times) to discuss learning at home with students and parents. Please remember, your child's teacher is still available between 8:30am—3 pm daily to assist and answer questions as they arise. Please contact them if needed! We are still learning how to get some processes right and your work at home is greatly valued.

*\*Some home learning packs (ie pencils, work books etc to use for activities ) are yet to be collected. They are available outside the Library for collection.*

## School processes:

Sharon (our Business Manager) will also be working remotely where possible. I will be helping supervise students on site at times during the day, so please leave a message on the school phone or email myself or Sharon for follow up as needed. I will get back to you as soon as possible. [costello.amanda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:costello.amanda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au) or [frappell.sharon.s@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:frappell.sharon.s@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## Holiday news:

It has been lovely to watch the local news during the holidays and see all the creative and positive things happening in our community. There have been some great uploads to our school's Facebook page and Lilly's (Foundation Lowe) Art work made Win Local News—will done Lilly and team—see the photo on page 2!

Sara Hill has been busy maintaining our garden and usually has all classes to help with this. She did have some willing volunteers today with lots of muscle power— thanks for the help.

I have provided a quick newsletter today. Next week we will be back 'in full swing'.

**Tips for handling tough times: spend time in nature, enjoy some Art, Music or reading, keep doing the stuff you love to do and things that are important to you!**

**Mandy Costello Principal**

**Be Your Best !**



Our local group at *St Matts Church in Long Gully* have set up some community support mechanisms. Have a look and see if it would be helpful for you please:

**Facebook Group– Long Gully Neighbourhood sharing:**

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LongGullySharing/>, and put your request up in the group. Others in the group may be able to offer help, and then you can communicate with each other to sort things. *You might also want to offer help to others, like cooked meals or running errands.*

**A message too from our valued partners, The Smith Family:**

The Smith Family will continue our work to support families via phone, video conferencing or email. You can reach us at: Kylie Collier 0481 911725 or [Kylie.Collier@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:Kylie.Collier@thesmithfamily.com.au)

**Lilly's Art work and our hard working garden crew!**

