



# BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 10th February 2021

## Welcome back BBQ postponed:

It was disappointing to have to postpone our Welcome Back to 2021 BBQ last Thursday. Thanks to all families for their understanding with this. Whilst we were all looking forward to catching up, we must prioritise everyone's safety right now.

## This week at BVSPS:

*It is pleasing to watch the settled classrooms around the school and return of many of our regular events this week.*

**Private piano lessons** will re—commence this year on Thursdays. Please see the notice from Sandra O'Connor in this newsletter about how to book in.

A reminder that the **Parent Information session with Wilson McCaskill** (the developer of our Social Competencies programme *Play is the Way*) will be THIS Thursday night at 6:30pm. Please see the notice on page 3. It is a HIGHLY recommended session for all parents. Bookings are essential re density limits at the facility. Please contact your class teacher for bookings.

Another reminder— **THIS FRIDAY 12th February, is a Pupil Free Day.** All staff will be undertaking professional development with Wilson Mc Caskill for the day. On-line bookings for Camp Australia OSHCare are now open.

**Before School Clubs** commence this week again— please see the calendar section. **All before school activities commence at 8 am and finish at 8:30am**—when students may then go and play in the top playground before school commences at 8:45am.

The **Girls in STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) programme commenced this week at The Bendigo Discovery Centre. We are proud to support Lux Delves and Lila Cowie (our Grade 6 students) who were selected for this programme. Please watch this space for their on—going updates about their activities and explorations.

Classrooms will again be contributing to this newsletter. This week there is a **report from Foundation Lowe** to enjoy.

Our **Fresh Food** distribution/sharing re—commences this week. We will continue to try to operate it every 2– 3 weeks. Because of the Pupil Free day this week, it will operate **THIS THURSDAY 11th February**. Students will be bringing home some produce grown in our garden and other food items for families to enjoy or share with family, neighbours, friends etc please.

Please remember that **face masks are required for all visitors to school sites, when indoors.**  
Please help and remind each other of this important update!

## LOTE classroom programmes:

All BVSPS students participate in weekly LOTE (Mandarin) classes with Yuling at school. This year is the Year of the Ox and this week Chinese people are celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year. If you would like to learn more about this important festival, you can refer to the link below:  
<https://chinesenewyear.net>

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**Be Your Best!**

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# Calendar of Events

## Regular Events

### Camp Aust OSHC

Every day, Monday to Friday

3- 6pm

### Library Club

Every Monday, 8am- 8:30am

### Yoga

Every Tuesday in the M.P.Room, 8am- 8:30am

Email Robyn Matthews for bookings:

[robbybobby77@hotmail.com](mailto:robbybobby77@hotmail.com)

### Brekky Club

Wednesdays—8am- 8:35 am

Cheese toasties and milo in the courtyard.

**Students only please.**

### Fun Fit Thursday

Meet at Garden Gully at 8am.

## Special Events

### Thursday 11th February

6:30pm-7:30pm Wilson Night for Parents

### Friday 12th February

Pupil Free Day

### Tuesday 16th February

F-2 Individual grades information night via Webex.

### Wednesday 17th February

Lunch Orders begin today.

3-6 Individual grades information night via Webex.

### Friday 26th February

Clean Up Australia Day

### Monday 1st March—Wednesday 3rd March

Grade 5/6 Camp to Angahook

### Monday 8th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

### Wednesday 10th March

Foundation students at school full time now.

### Friday 19th March

F-6 Athletics Day

# Pre-loved Uniforms!



Louise Rodriquez is available to assist with selection on **Fridays from 2– 3 pm**.  
Please email Louise to make an appointment: [Louise.Rodriquez@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Louise.Rodriquez@education.vic.gov.au)

Thank you!

*All donations of pre-loved items welcome!*



# Wilson Corner

Bendigo Violet St P.S

## WILSON INFORMATION NIGHT INVITATION



**WHEN: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**WHERE: Rotary Club of Eaglehawk Mechanics Institute Hall  
at 8 School St, California Gully**

**TIME: 6.30 – 7.30 pm**

Wilson McCaskill's Play is the Way behavior education program is what we use at Violet St for developing students personal and social capabilities.

Play is the Way develops students who are independent (as opposed to authority dependent), self-managing (as opposed to managed by the lure of praise and rewards, or the fear of punishment) and self-motivated (as opposed to teacher directed, teacher prompted, teacher driven) lifelong learners.

We would love for you to join us in getting a better understanding of the Play is the Way approach. Parents will meet and work with Wilson as he explains the how and why of his philosophy. We highly recommend you attend if possible.

**Please contact your child's  
classroom teacher ASAP if  
you would like to attend.**



For more information, please visit: <https://playistheway.com.au/>

Our school values: Integrity, Respect, Honesty and Inclusion. *We are a Child Safe school.*

# Specialist Corner - Music

## WELCOME BACK TO MUSIC 2021

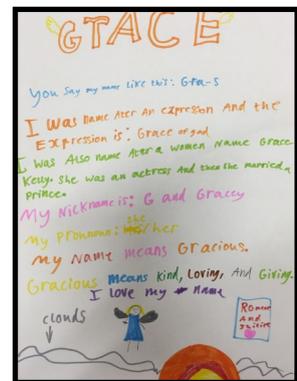
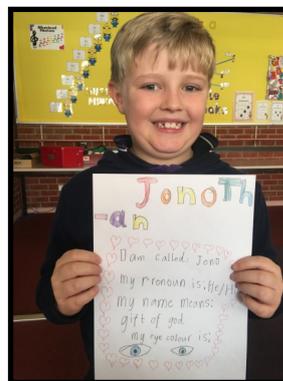
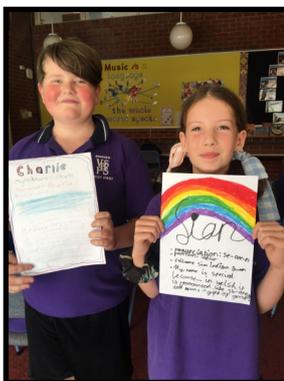
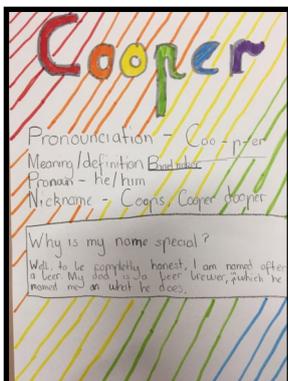
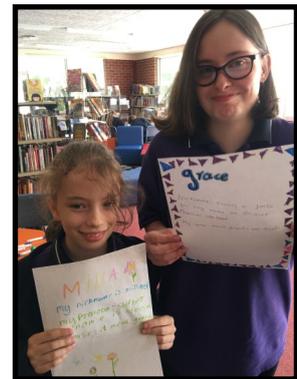
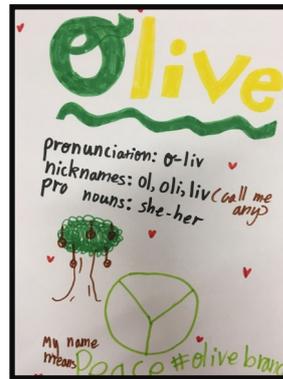
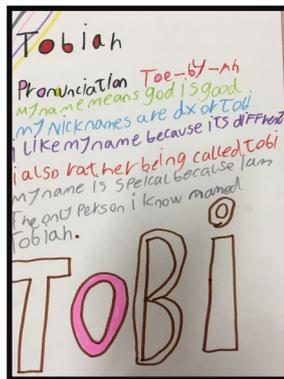
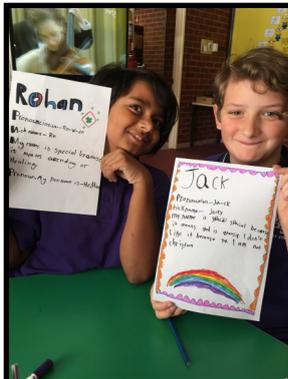
It's very exciting to be back in the Music room for 2021! I was happy to see so many familiar faces and meet the new Foundation students and along with some new children in other grades.

We've started the year with a focus on **LISTENING** and we will be doing lots of interesting listening activities like playing *Where is Singer*, **moving creatively** to different types of music, and **sharing** and **responding** to classmates' favourite songs.

## MY NAME IS A BIG DEAL

This week students have been getting to know their classmates and even themselves better by finding out more about their names. Sometimes we have to be careful listeners to learn to say names correctly and I wanted to make sure I'm getting them right from the start.

Our names are very important and finding out more about where they might have come from and what they mean has been an interesting activity.



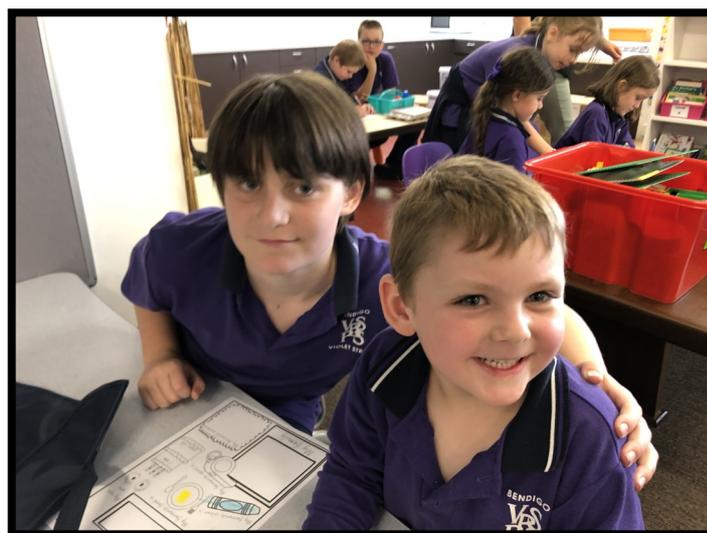


# Foundation Lowe

A new beginning...

We have had an exciting start to school. We have tried PE, Madarin, Music, Gardening & Art. On Friday we met our buddies. They helped us choose a library book and share information about ourselves. We had a fantastic first week at school - Thanks to our families.

Here are a few of us with our buddies from 5/6 Condon.





# PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE AT BENDIGO VIOLET STREET SCHOOL IN 2021

johnstone street piano lessons

Sandra O'Connor  
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johnstonestreetpiano@gmail.com  
0439 484 424

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am an experienced piano teacher living in Castlemaine. My background also includes fourteen years working as a qualified teacher in primary schools, mostly in NSW.

Piano lessons are:

- \* provided by myself on a private basis, with one-to-one tuition,
- \* provided during school hours, but fees are payable directly to myself, and enrolments made with me,
- \* rotated to a different time each week, so that students don't miss the same classroom lesson each week,
- \* 30 minutes duration at a cost of \$27.00 for each lesson,
- \* payable in advance for a full term (or two equal instalments payable at the beginning of the term, and midway through the term).

It is also necessary to purchase a Piano Lesson Book for students having lessons. I will lend a book to students for the first couple of weeks.

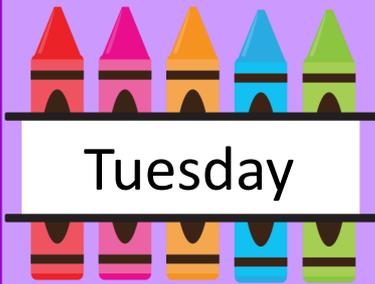
Please contact me directly if you have any queries.

*For the lessons, I will be wearing a face mask, clean the piano keys before each lesson, and will have hand sanitiser for use for myself and each student.*

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO HAVE LESSONS THIS TERM, PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Yours sincerely,  
Sandra O'Connor





Tuesday

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### Classroom WebEx Information Sessions

Tuesday, February 16th, 2021

5:30— 1/2M-B in WebEx Room: 571 647 793

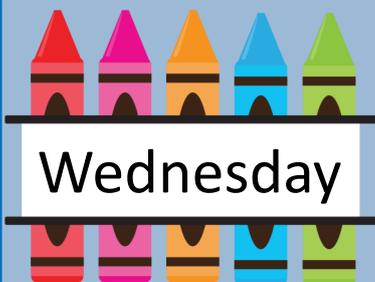
5:45—1/2D in WebEx Room: 574 795 761

6:00—1/2W in WebEx Room: 575 649 818

6:15—Foundation Q in WebEx Room: 579 605 052

6:30—Foundation L in WebEx Room: 575 516 301

Each teacher will be sharing information specific to their class during this session and will be available to answer your questions. If you have anything further that you wish to discuss with your child's teacher, you are always welcome to make an appointment to come and see them at school.



Wednesday

3-6

### Classroom WebEx Information Sessions

Wednesday, February 17th, 2021

**4:00—Grade 5/6 in WebEx Room: 578 716 863**

Mrs Condon and Mrs Fasham will both be available in this room to share information and to answer your questions. They will have a PowerPoint presentation to share, and will make this available to any parents who are unable to attend the live session.

**4:30—Grade 3/4 in WebEx Room: 579 050 610**

Ms Kennedy, Mrs Kirkpatrick and Mrs Grant will all be available in this session to share information and answer your questions. They will also have a PowerPoint presentation to share that will be available to anyone who is unable to attend.



# Lunch Order Menu

## Lunch Order Day—Wednesdays

### SANDWICHES

Ham or chicken	\$3.00
Ham or chicken with salad	\$3.50

### ROLL

Hot chicken fillet roll	\$5.50
(with lettuce, cheese & mayo)	

### HOT FOOD

Pies	\$3.50
Sausage rolls	\$2.50
Dim Sims	\$2.50
Hot Dog	\$3.00
Sauce	\$0.30

### OTHER

Malteser Muffin	\$2.50
Strawberry Muffin	\$2.50
Chocolate Milk	\$2.50
Strawberry Milk	\$2.50
Apple Juice	\$2.50

#### **Please note: Ordering Procedure**

Lunch orders should be written on a brown paper bag along with your child's name and class.

Correct money, where possible, should be placed inside the bag.

All orders need to be placed into the lunch crate in your child's classroom by 9:00am.



**Lunch orders start on Wednesday February 17th.**