



# BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 24th March 2021

## Saving our resources:

We continue to raise an awareness of single use and non—recyclable items, particularly in relation to school lunches. All students at BVSPS are encouraged to bring 'rubbish free' lunches. Any wrappers on food bought to school, will be sent home for recycling and disposal please.

The classroom contributing to the newsletter this week is Grade 3&4 K/G and a PE report from Mrs Grant.

The Athletic Sports last Friday were a great success. Everyone is to be congratulated on their persistence in the heat, positive attitudes and encouragement of others. Thanks also to the families who attended to support their children, to Mrs Grant for the expert organisation, our teachers for working so hard all day in the heat and to our Camp Australia (OSHC) staff for their assistance too.

## Fundraising for 2021:

We have 1.5 weeks to go! Please make sure your orders are completed online by Thursday 1st April! Thanks again to Bec Rowles for co-ordinating this. <https://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/BVSTPS>

\* We are not holding our traditional Easter raffle this year— we will focus our efforts on Mothers day and Fathers Day activities instead.

**Our School Council AGM** (and change over meeting) will be held on **MONDAY 26th April at 6:30pm**. Please feel free to join us if you wish.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE**—there is not a public holiday for Anzac Day this year—as it falls on a Sunday!

**Save the date: Violet St Fathers' Project Launch event on Monday 29th March at 6 – 7:30pm!**

We hope that you received your personal invitation and the flyer that went home on Monday. We are fortunate to have Rodney Eade attend our launch evening. All fathers and father figures are welcome AND PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN ALONG TOO! The focus of this project is to connect our fathers and father figures in our BVSPS community. There will be a free BBQ at school and a coffee van will be on site too! Please RSVP (to help with catering) by THIS FRIDAY!

## Harmony Day at school:

This Friday all students and staff are encouraged to wear 'a **splash of orange**' to school. Our students will be completing explicit activities this week to deepen their awareness and understandings of cultural diversity, mutual respect and their support for inclusiveness.



Our House Captains at the sports on Friday!

**Mandy Costello Principal**

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**Be Your Best!**

[Sharon.Frappell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Sharon.Frappell@education.vic.gov.au)



# 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- 8:35am

Cheese toasties and milo in the courtyard.

**Students only please.**

### Fun Fit Thursday

CANCELLED for Thursday 1 April only!

### Assembly

8:45– 9:15 am

Student leaders badge presentation

## Special Events

### Friday 26 March

Leadership badges at assembly  
Harmony Day – wear a 'splash of orange!

### Monday 29 March

Fathers' Project Launch BBQ  
6- 7:30pm- for fathers and father figures !

### Wednesday 31 March

Fortuna Athletics ( for those who have qualified)

### Thursday 1 April

**FUN FIT THURSDAY walk to school cancelled !**

Last day of Term 1- **2pm finish!**

### Monday 19 April

Term 2 resumes

### Friday 23 April

Gym commences

**\*\*Please remember:**

***attendance counts EVERY day at school! If your child is absent from school, parents are required to contact the school to provide a reason for the absence. Our school wide attendance goals is a minimum of 85% attendance!***

# 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!*

# A Splash of Or- ange Day Friday March 26.

We know not everyone has orange clothes in their wardrobe, so we are having a 'splash of orange' day on Friday March 26 to celebrate Harmony Day.

Wear a bit of orange—as little as a hair ribbon—and whatever other colours you would like to wear!



Kindness  
→ CHANGES ←  
EVERYTHING





# Maths



Grade 3/4 KG

Room 1

This term we have focused on two dimensional shapes in Measurement and Geometry. Over the past few weeks we have investigated the properties and features of various shapes using geoboards, icy pole sticks and hands on shapes. We have expanded our vocabulary too. Do you know what a pentagon, nonagon and decagon look like?



ENNEAGRAM

A nine-pointed figure usually inscribed in a circle.



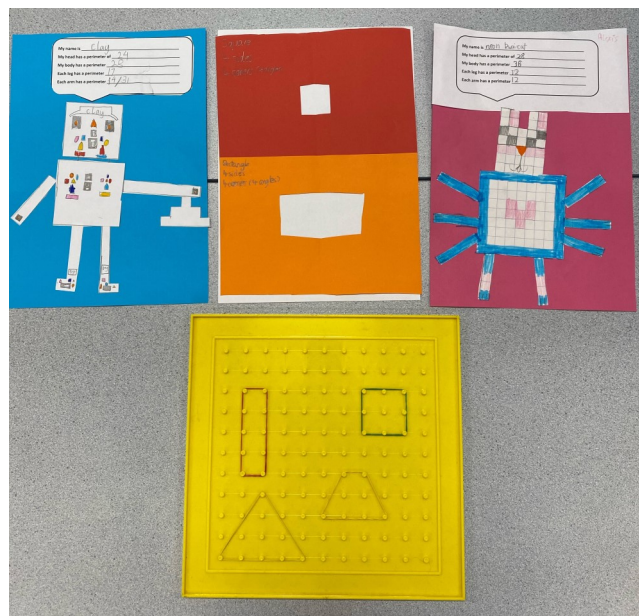
NONAGON

A nine-sided polygon often used in religious architecture.



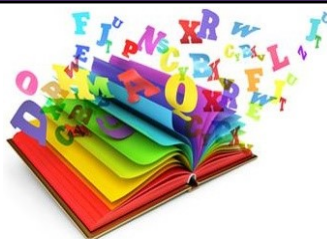
ANNULUS

A ring-shaped object formed by two concentric circles.



Remember you can access Mathletics at home at [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au) and Mathseeds at <https://mathseeds.com>

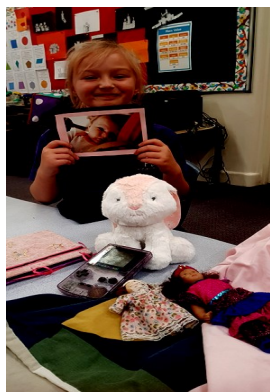
# Literacy



Grade 3/4 KG

Room 1

In Speaking and Listening , we have been focusing on public speaking. Each class member has presented their 'Me In A Bag'. This involves each child sharing 5 or 6 objects that are important to them. And sharing them with the class. Other class members ask questions or make comments. It has helped us get to know each other better too.



Remember you can access Reading Eggs at home at [www.readingeggs.com](http://www.readingeggs.com)



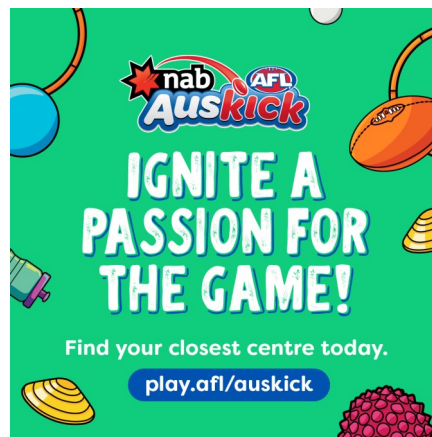


# Specialist Corner



Wow what a week we had in PE/Sport!

Tuesday 16th March we had the staff from AFL Central Victoria visit BVSPS with some fun competitions and information on how to get involved in Auskick and junior football in our great city.



National Ride2School day was on Friday 19th March—well done to all those who participated!

**NATIONAL  
RIDE2SCHOOL DAY**  
Friday 19 March 2021



## 2021 BVSPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of March all students participated in the annual House Athletics Carnival at the Bendigo Athletics Track. The day was a success with students competing in multiple events practised over the last month in PE. It was great to see the level of sportsmanship expressed between all of the houses as it amplified the fun and competitive nature of the day. Well done to our all our students. staff and parents/families for the huge effort they put in to the day. See over for some great pictures of the day thanks to Stacey Kinsmore!

**House winners will be announced at assembly on Friday.**

The next stage is the Fortuna Athletics which will take place next Wednesday 31st March at the Bendigo Athletics Track. Students who have qualified to represent BVSPS will be sent home a permission slip this week.





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# Specialist Corner

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# Gardening



Grade 5/6 F Fruit Noodles look after the nursery gardens!





# Wilson Corner

## The Unhealthy And Unrealistic Pursuit Of Endless Fun And Happiness By Wilson McCaskill



We have been seduced by the idea that having endless fun and being constantly happy is not only desirable, it's attainable.

I worry about the damage this idea is causing and I fear for our children as rapidly increasing numbers of adults become complicit in the countless ways and means used, each and every day, to convince children that if they're not constantly happy and having fun, then something is wrong.

"Have fun," is as frequent a parting salutation as, "See you later" or indeed, "Bye." Nowhere is this more apparent than in primary schools where countless thousands of children slide from the seats of cars to head into classrooms supported by the warm tones of parents entreating them to, "Have fun." This request is reinforced at the end of the day when re-entry into the family car is met with the hopeful question, "Did you have fun?"

There was a time when the expectation was that you would go to school and work hard. Perhaps that expectation was a little harsh and implied that school was a cold and brittle place to which little children went to toil and mine for information as opposed to interactively learn.

Schools today are certainly not cold and harsh. They are warm, welcoming environments to which teachers and students commit much time and effort to reflect the colour, movement and spectacle of learning. Yet, amidst this stimulating environment the requirement for effort and application remain as much a necessity for learning as they have always been.

Would it help to ask children to go to school prepared to have fun but ready to apply themselves even if they don't? I think it would, and I think they should be occasionally reminded that application takes effort and that effort is not always fun.

The pressure to make all learning fun on teachers, sporting coaches, music and dance tutors, indeed anyone who seeks to educate, inform and develop children, is relentless.

Vast volumes of research show that children learn best when they are having fun. I'm sure this current understanding was equally well understood by whomever taught Sir Isaac Newton when he was a boy. However, I doubt if his teacher spent as much time and commitment ensuring it was a constant of little Isaac's learning environment.

Pt. 2 Next Week.





# Literacy Team

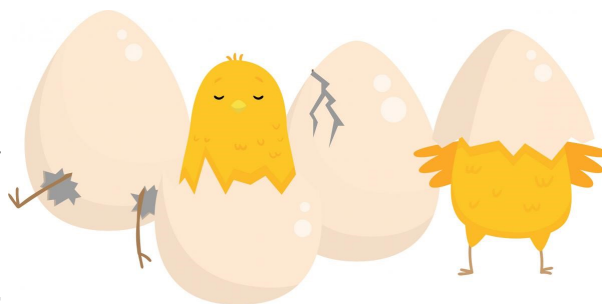


Goldfields  
Libraries



Don't worry - be happy these school holidays!

We're super excited to be able to welcome you back INTO THE LIBRARY these school holidays! We have heaps to keep the kids entertained (and safe) during the Easter holiday break, so make sure to pop in and check what's on offer!



[Download a copy of the program](#) or pick one up at your local library.

## Bendigo Easter Festival

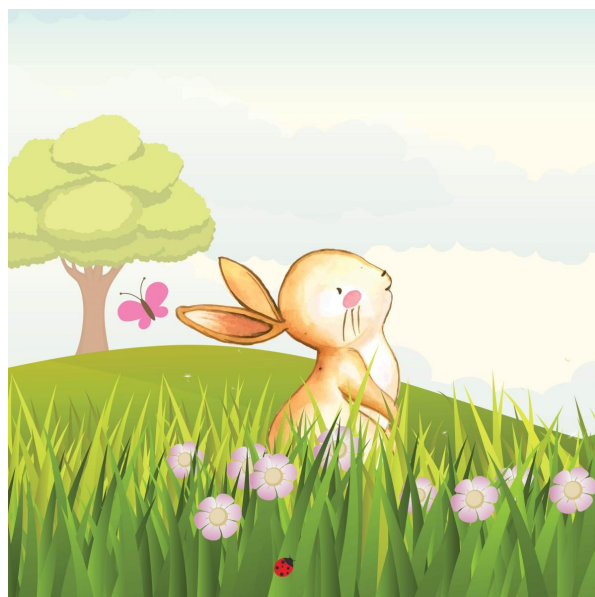
Storytime is visiting the Bendigo Easter Festival!

Three fantastic Storytimes each day with stories, rhymes, songs and a take home activity.

Be there or be a chicken!

For young families.

Friday 2-Sunday 4 April, 11am-3pm  
Canterbury Gardens, Eaglehawk







## REMINDER FROM OFFICE

A reminder please that payment is due for  
Booklists and all items in 'Section A' by  
**Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

## Fundraising helps!

This amazing and HUGE rug was purchased for Ms Finch's music lessons with fundraising money from 2020.

Your fundraising helps us to purchase fantastic resources like this one, that make our classrooms more comfortable and can also help us learn!

If you haven't already purchased bulbs through our current fundraiser, you have until Thursday 1st April to purchase online at:

<https://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/bvstps>



# Newsletter



## EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

Join us for our very first mission.

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN**

[www.campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers)



Every child that attends receives a FREE merchandise pack including T-shirt, Badge and Booklet!

### A message from your Coordinator

Welcome to week 9. This week is also the handball championships, good luck to all those who have entered.

We would like to remind parents that it is important that if your child is going to be absent from After School Care that you cancel their booking for that day. If you are unable to do so, please call the Camp Australia customer care number or call myself directly and leave a message on the Violet Street Service number (0408 592 7840).

Do not forget term 1 is coming to an end so any families interested in booking their child into Rocketeers Holiday Adventures, bookings are now open.

Thank you,

Kaitlin Massara and Amy Manderson



### It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



### Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)





# Phoenix Basketball Club

We are looking for players, boys and girls,  
all ages and all abilities.

If you're interested in playing, please email

[phoenixbasketball1@gmail.com](mailto:phoenixbasketball1@gmail.com)

to express your interest.

