



# BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 12th February 2020

## **Welcome back to school BBQ—thanks.**

I certainly cannot manage the weather! Thank you to all families who attended the classroom information sessions and stayed for the BBQ last Thursday night. Unfortunately it was cut short and not everyone got to chat and catch up as we had hoped. But, on behalf of all teachers, thanks for your support! Thanks also to Roy for all his help! *\*\*If you did not make the information session, there will be an opportunity for families to have a 1:1 meeting with class teachers THIS WEEK. Please contact your child's teacher asap if you wish to book an appointment.*

## **Playground work:**

Thanks to all families for their support and understanding during our playground work. Whilst the rain last Thursday night was most welcome, it has washed away substantial soft fall under the 'old metal' playground. This is an on-going challenge. It will be a priority for School Council to discuss next Monday night. In the meantime, that area has been placed 'out of use' for safety reasons.

## **All before school activities have resumed:**

We offer a range of before school activities from 8-8:30am—please see the list on the school calendar page. All students who arrive at school prior to yard supervision commencing (at 8:30am), will be expected to attend one of these activities.

## **STEM for girls @ the Discovery Centre:**

Nadia and Leila commenced this programme yesterday. They are participating in this Science, Technology and Maths programme, kindly sponsored by our Bendigo Zonta Club. It involves visits to the Discovery Centre with other students from Bendigo schools. They will keep us updated via the newsletter about their discoveries!

## **School Council elections:**

Every year, half of the total number of parent representatives on School Council are open for election (or re-nomination). Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of our school. Please consider being involved and please see me (or leave a message) if you have any questions. Nominations will open next Wednesday 19th February and close on Wednesday 4th March. *Nomination forms will be available at the school office next week.*

## **Student leadership Elections:**

We are in the process of conducting elections for House Captains, School Captains and our Student Leadership Council (SLC) representatives. It gives students the opportunities to develop their leadership and self confidence skills, as well as being representatives of Bendigo Violet St PS. The nominees for SLC will be presenting their speeches at assembly this Friday. Voting by their peers will then follow. Please join them at assembly.

## **Bendigo Easter Fair (150th!) Parade!**

This year our school will be entering a 'float' in the parade! Brooke B and Naomi L ( School Council parent reps) have kindly volunteered to help co-ordinate our entry. We would love to see as many students as possible involved! *Please let us know if you can join us!*

**Mandy Costello**

**Principal**

**Be Your Best!**



# Calendar of Events

## Regular Events

### Camp Aust OSHC

Every day, Monday to Friday

3- 6pm

### Library Club

Every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

8- 8:30am

### YOGA

In the M.P.Room

8- 8:30am— every Tuesday.

### Brekky Club

Wednesdays

8:15- 8:35 am

### FUN FIT FRIDAY

Meet at Garden Gully

at 8 am

### ASSEMBLY

Fridays

8:45- 9:15am

All welcome!

**Presenting assembly this week:**

**Grade 1 & 2 M-B**

## Special Events

### Monday—Friday THIS WEEK

Individual meetings with classroom teachers as arranged.

### Monday 17th February

Smile Squad dental visits begin

School Council meeting

### Friday 28th February

School wide Clean Up Australia activity

### Tuesday 10th March

School photo day

### Saturday 14th March

Zinda Festival

### Mon 16– 18th March

Grades 3&4 camp

### Wed 18– 20th March

Grades 5&6 camp

### Monday 23rd March

Pupil Free Day— no students required at school.

# Pre-loved Uniforms!



Louise Rodriquez will be available **EVERY FRIDAY** at the meeting room- (Opposite the school office) **from 2:30 - 3 pm** for pre- loved uniform sales. The meeting room is used throughout the week for a range of purposes, so please leave a message for Louise if you need to make another arrangement.

*All donations of pre- loved items welcome!*



# Maths



Foundation Quarrier

Room 10



In our class we have been learning a new game using a die and game board. You play with a partner and take turns rolling the die. Each time you roll you have to use your subitising skills to cover the matching number on the game board, if you don't have the number rolled you miss a turn. This game is great for helping us learn to match dots with numbers and to also begin to recognise how many dots without always having to count to check. You could play this with us at home!

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

# Literacy



Foundation Quarrier

Room 10



In our classroom we have been learning to build our reading stamina. Each morning we read a new book. We have been practicing to read without stopping.

Last week our Grade 5/6 buddies listened to us read and helped us borrow our first books at the library.

It is important to read every day this helps build our word knowledge and language skills. Please help us develop a love of reading by listening to us read and by reading to us!

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





# Specialist Corner



Welcome back to all students  
and families for 2020!

## Upcoming Events:

3-6 Athletics 6/03/2020

F-2 Athletics 13/03/2020

I am looking forward to another busy and active year of Physical Education.

Grade 1-6 students experienced a teamwork lesson in week one where classes completed team challenges and discussed what it means to be an effective team member. Students highlighted characteristics such as work ethic, being their best and empathy as important factors.

Foundation students are being introduced to a perceptual motor program in addition to co-operation activities.

Classes are now focusing on developing skills used in athletics as students in grades 3-6 will have a house athletics competition in week 6. Students in foundation to grade 2 will participate in a fun athletics event in week 7 which aims to assist them in developing their motor skills.

Mr Tooley

## Sleep

5-13 year olds need 9-11 hours per night.  
14-17 year olds need 8-10 hours per night.

## Physical Activity

Aim for 60 minutes or more per day – the more you huff & puff the better!

## Inactivity

Move more & sit less in your spare time.

Find out more at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)





# Parking at School

Parking Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.



With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

*Jock Schofield*

*Coordinator Parking Strategy*

## Attendance

It is essential that your child is at school every day and arrives on time. It is a legal obligation that all parents must communicate with their child's school, to explain any absences from school. That can be via a message on the landline (follow the prompts), message to the school mobile, email to the school address or a written note to your child's teacher. We want to make every minute count!



**Attendance  
Matters**

Every student. Every day.



## Getting involved at school:

We value all voluntary help at school and appreciate the time that people can commit. Please speak with your child's teacher if you can help in any way, or update your details if they have changed. Please note, as per our Child Safe Policy, all classroom volunteers must present a copy of their current Working With Children Check to the school office.



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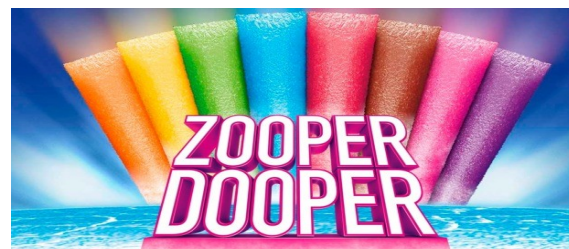
PLEASE NOTE: Fruit Salad is not available for order on lunch order day. There is an updated menu included at the back of this newsletter.

## Team China Overseas Learning Experience students for 2020:

Three students ( Mia P- L, Billy Mc L and Kyle C ) will be travelling to China in mid 2020 as part of the OSLE.

They are selling *Zooper Doopers* out the front (under the school sign) every Friday at home time to support their efforts.

*Thanks for supporting them.*



Many parents in our school are new to the M100W program—the Magic 100 Words program (which actually goes up to 300 words!).

This program is to assist your child in learning to read the 300 most frequently used words in the English language. These words are often difficult to sound out and are often referred to as 'sight words' for this reason. Children need to know them on sight.

This assists with their reading as these words are so commonly found in their home readers that knowing them by sight allows them to focus on the other words in their home reader.

If your child brings home a colourful page of words to learn, here are some fun ways you can help your child to learn them:

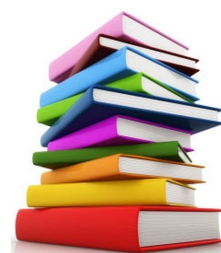
### **Be creative!**

Have your child 'write' and then read the words in a variety of creative ways—with magnetic letters, sticker letters, play dough, writing in sand, with icing on biscuits, letter stamps, making letters out of all sorts of things—pom poms, little squares of coloured or white paper, sequins, popsicle sticks, matchsticks, etc. The possibilities are endless!

Your child will learn these words faster and more easily if you make it fun for them. Enjoy this time with your child and send us photos of the creative ways you come up with to practise reading these words!

**Email:** [Bendigo.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Bendigo.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## Reading



### **Make a game of it!**

Memory is a great game to play with these words. You can make up a set of your own memory cards by writing the words out twice, or ask your child's teacher for a second page and cut them out! Mix them up and every time your child turns over a card to find a match, they must read it out loud. They can also read out the cards when it's your turn too! This is a fun way to spend some time together AND help your child to learn these words.



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

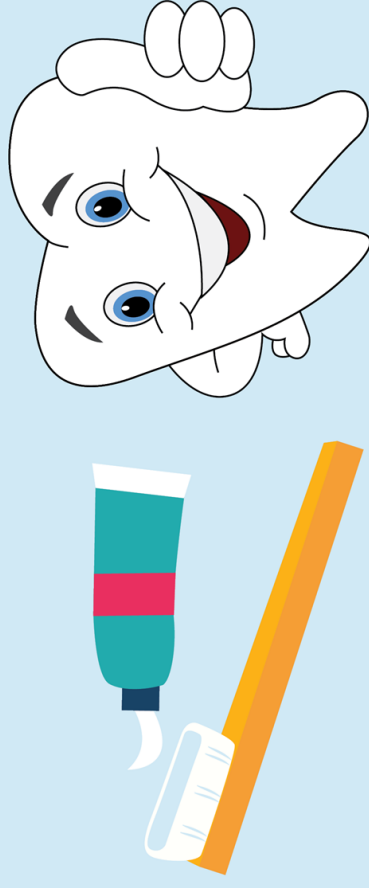


'The oral health of your children is important to us'

The service will include a dental screen, application of fluoride varnish and learning activity related to developing good dental habits.

Consent forms are available if you want to have your child seen.

If you have any questions please contact  
Bendigo Health Dental Service on 5454 7994.



# say cheese!



School Photo Day is fast approaching.  
*Have your child's school memories captured forever*  
on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly.  
Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

## Remember these helpful points:

Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method.

**All payments are due on photo day.**

### ONLINE

You may pay online using your credit card. Each child will have an individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child's order.

### CASH

You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided. **Please enclose correct money as NO change will be given.**

### SIBLING PHOTOS

Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN DURING SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY AT RECESS.

Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.

### SEALING ENVELOPES

**Do not** seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however, please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students should wear their **correct school uniform**.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact

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# Canteen Menu

## Lunch Order Day—Wednesdays

### SANDWICHES

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

### ROLLS AND WRAPS

Ham or chicken with salad	\$5.00
Hot chicken & gravy roll	\$4.70
Hot chicken fillet roll	\$5.50
(with lettuce, cheese, tomato & mayo)	

### HOT FOOD

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

### OTHER

Malteser Muffin	\$2.50
Banana Muffin	\$2.50
Strawberry Muffin	\$2.50
Chocolate Milk	\$2.50
Strawberry Milk	\$2.50
Sauce	\$0.30

### **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.

**No late orders will be accepted.**