



BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 16th June 2021

School access restrictions:

At the moment, the DET has still directed that we can only have essential visitors on-site. We encourage all parents to stay in touch with their child's teacher via their email please. If you need to contact the office, please phone first. This is to keep us all safe and thanks for your support.

The Fathering Project: Our event for 16 June has been postponed:

It will be a great event and we will re-schedule it asap, when restrictions are eased. Craig is still looking for some helpers and people to lead the activities. If you can offer some help, please contact Craig Ph.: 0400 845 058 or email him: wallace_craig@yahoo.com.au

Planning remaining events for Term 2:

Mrs Hicks has notified all participants. The Soccer Carnival has been postponed until Wednesday 23rd June. We appreciate everyone's flexibility. Best of luck to our BVSPS team!

Student Led Conferences: Thursday 24th June:

These Student Led Conferences are an important chance for teachers to connect with parents and carers and for our students to proudly share their Learning Journals and achievements for the first semester. They will be conducted via Webex in a pre-arranged **20 minute timeslot on Thursday 24th June. Every child is expected to have an individual appointment.** *Students are not required at school that day. If O.S.H.Care is required, it is available at Girton Grammar School— as part of their Rocketeers programme. Our O.S.H.Care staff (Kaitlin and Amy) will be working on-site there too. Please see the article over the page and book in if required.*

June reports for 2021 (*paperless!):

Your child's 2021 semester one (June) school report will be available on Sentral NEXT Monday 21st June after 5 pm . It can be accessed by parents and carers via the Parent Portal. Please email your child's teacher if you need help to access this portal. We have committed to the use of this Sentral portal and will continue to use it for assessment and reporting access from now on. All parents and carers will be expected to have accessed and read their child's June report, PRIOR to the Student Led Conferences please!

Looking after yourselves:

Headspace has recommended some resources for us to access to help keep us all going:

Tips for Parents and Carers - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fw3LzWe-93U>

Mandy Costello Principal

Be Your Best!

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Calendar of Events

Regular Events

Camp Aust OSHC

Every day, Monday to Friday

3- 6pm

Assembly

Fridays—8:45-9:15

Students and teachers only at this time.

BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS—8am—8:30

Mondays

Library Club

Tuesdays

Library Club

Wednesdays

Brekky Club

Thursdays

Fun Fit Thursdays

Meet at 8am at Garden Gully

Special Events

Monday 21 June

2021 June student reports can be accessed by families via the Sentral Parent Portal after 5pm.

Thursday 24 June

Student led conferences via individual WebEx appointments.

Friday 25 June

Last day of Term 2 — 2pm finish

Monday 12 July

First day of Term 3

Pre-loved Uniforms!

Louise Rodriguez

Days from 2- 3 pm.

Unavailable until further notice.

Louise.Rodriguez@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you!

All donations of pre- loved items welcome!



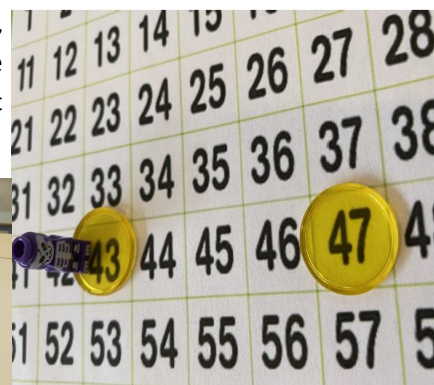
Maths

3/4 KR Room 1



The last couple of weeks we have been learning about subtraction. One strategy we learnt was to recognise the difference between two numbers. A number chart can help us find the difference. When we move vertically on the chart we are adding or subtracting ten each time and when we move horizontally we are adding or subtracting one. This is just like the characters move in the old platform games.

We played Race to Zero on a number chart, starting at 120. We rolled two dice to make a two digit number and had to work out the difference between our starting number and the number rolled. Some students worked with three digit numbers and didn't need to use the number chart !



We love Maths!

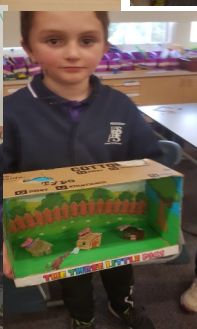
Remember you can access Mathletics at home at www.mathletics.com.au and Mathseeds at <https://mathseeds.com>

Literacy

3/4 KR Room 1



In Literacy we have been exploring traditional tales, such as fairy tales, fables, dreamtime stories and porquoi tales. We have explored the morals of fables and read lots of traditional stories. One of our activities was to make a diorama or triorama showing the setting and characters of our favourite traditional tale. Here are some students proudly sharing their work.



The Wolf Hunter by Ely

Far, far away in a dark oak forest there lived a young wolf cub he was small but very playful, but one day he didn't know where to go or what to do and he got bored. Then he remembered what his mum told him to do if he saw a full-grown man with a gun he should shout the word "HUNTER" so that's what he did he shouted "hunter" at that moment his mum came in distress and when she saw that there was no hunter she went back to what she was doing. The next day the wolf was bored again but this time he didn't call out hunter. But later that day he really did see a hunter but when he called out no one came and the wolf died.

Remember you can access Reading Eggs at home at www.readingeggs.com

Specialist Corner



With the cold, wet and windy weather coming in the last few weeks, we have been working inside at times to keep dry. Students have loved working in teams during our warm up activities. One of the favourite games played was builders and bulldozers (pictured below).

In Grades P-2 we have been working on our ball bouncing skills with many students being able to walk and jog whilst bouncing the ball.

In Grades 3-6 we have been focusing on the team sport of netball. Students have played modified games the focus on the main skills in netball including, throwing, catching and not stepping when holding the ball.



Literacy at home

Reading out loud – keep it up!



Reading books out loud with your child is great for their learning and wellbeing, no matter what their age or reading level. Here are some benefits to reading aloud with your child – even after they can read for themselves!



When deciding what to read to your child, let them choose – or look for books on topics your child is interested in, ones written by their favourite author, or your favourite stories from childhood.

Learning by listening

As your child begins to read, they learn much more about what words mean by hearing books read out loud and discussing new words with you than from reading on their own. Reading aloud together can help build vocabulary, improve reading skills, and increase attention and listening skills.

Even after they can read for themselves, reading out loud to your child can show them what proficient reading sounds like, with pacing, intonation and expression. It also helps them experience the pleasure of sharing stories and develop a lifelong love of books.

Books are great teachers

Reading books together can teach your child about different emotions and situations and lead to great discussions. Talk to your child about the stories you read together – what do they think and feel about the characters and what happened in the story? This can help your child express their thoughts, feelings and imagination.

Books don't just have to be 'fiction' to be a great read – books with facts and true stories can be fantastic too. Reading your child history books, science books or biographies out loud can be just as entertaining, and give your child insight into different people, things, places and historical events.

Time to connect

Sharing a good book is a great way to spend one-on-one time with your child – you are giving them your undivided attention, being close and sharing experiences and ideas with them. As your child gets older and your schedules get busier, reading together can be a way for you to connect on a regular basis.

Reading your child a bedtime story is a great way to get them relaxed and ready for sleep – but if night-time reading doesn't work for your family, there are plenty of other times to read together. For example, you could have a regular snuggle on the couch with a book on the weekends, read out news stories over breakfast, read out recipes or the TV guide – or listen to audio books together in the car or on public transport.

Wellbeing at home

The 4Rs of primary school holidays

We all know the three Rs of school, but what about the four Rs of the holidays? Follow these steps to help your child get ready for the new school term...

Recharge

Try to give your child (and yourself) plenty of downtime so that you are all relaxed and refreshed by the time school starts again. If you can, keep the final days of the holidays fairly quiet, rather than tiring everyone out with last-minute activities.

Reflect

The New Year's tradition of reflecting on the past and making resolutions for the future is not just for adults. It's a great way to help your child learn from their experiences of the last school term and set themselves up for the next. There's no need to hold a formal 'review', just find some time to talk with your child about:

- things they did and didn't like about school last term
- things they feel they did and didn't do well
- things they'd like to do and achieve this term

Then talk about what your child can do to achieve their goals, and how you can help them. If they had some challenges last year, talk about what happened and why, and work out what your child (and you) can do this year so they have a better time. When your child has strategies for handling problems of the past, backed up by your support, they are much more likely to start the new school year with a positive mindset.

Reset

The new school term gives every child a fresh start. At school your child will also have increasing independence, responsibilities and opportunities, so it's a good time to think about giving them more at home too. Here are some areas to consider:

- personal responsibility – making their own lunches, unpacking their school bag
- family contribution – setting the table, putting away washing
- routines – bedtimes
- privileges – screen time, TV programs.

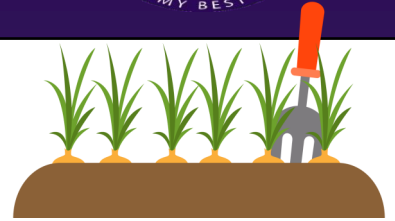
Restart

A gradual transition from 'holiday mode' to 'school mode' makes the first day back much easier, so start getting back into the school routine a few days before the term starts. Involve your child in getting all their school things ready, and check how they are feeling about going back to school.

Then make sure they get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast, give them a big hug, and send them off to class knowing that you've given them a great start to the new school term!



Gardening



Well what a dramatic week of weather! Luckily we only had minor damage in the garden with our late season corn being flattened and some of our broad beans getting knocked over. There's often a silver (or in this case rainbow) coloured lining with stormy weather. Hopefully our school families were not too hard hit, I imagine a lot of people spent the long weekend cleaning up fallen timber.



Garden Classes were cancelled on Windy Thursday. Things were back to a calmer normal on Friday when the Foundation students got to plant out broad bean seedlings grown from seed they planted a few weeks ago. We had two varieties, Oyster (has large flat pale green seeds) and Purple (beautiful crimson purple seeds).



Toby took a sunflower seedling home at the end of last term. He has cared for it and it has grown taller than him!



We are still eating citrus harvested from the garden and will soon be harvesting our second crop of mandarins. Julie did a fantastic job making oven baked chips made from some pontiac potatoes harvested by 5/6 F and they were delicious!

Stay warm and keep growing,

Sara



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Camp Australia will be unable to provide care on site at Violet Street for the Student Led Conference day on Thursday 24th June, however care is available at Girton Grammar from 8am – 6pm for their Rocketeers Holiday Program. Kaitlin and Amy will be on site at Girton to ensure there is a familiar face for Violet Street children. Bookings can be made via the following link – <https://pp.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubfinder/update-details/41170/-1>

A private space can be set up next to the OSHC room should you need to bring your laptop/device on collection (or your lunch break) to attend the student led conference with your child, please let Kaitlin know at drop off.

ART SHOW

Miss Finch and her partner Andre are having an art exhibition showing at Dudley House in View Street Bendigo from this Saturday June 19. Miss Finch will be showing her photos of the local wildlife - mostly birds - from around their property and Andre creates unique sculptures out of scrap metal. The exhibition will be open for a week and they'd love to see you there!

STEEL LIFE



Artworks by Andre Sardone and Bridget Finch. A collaboration between innovative imagination and perceptive observation. Exploring the places where art, the discarded and nature intertwine.



19-27* June 2021 10am - 4pm *Closed Mon 21

Dudley House, View Street, Bendigo

Official Opening Celebration - Sat June 19 at 5:30pm. Doors open at 3pm.

Shimmer



Running concurrently with **Steel Life** is an outdoor installation of explorative whimsical kinetic sculpture made from recycled materials, created by Andre Sardone.



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