



# BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 23rd June 2021

## **NAIDOC week—Heal Country:**

NAIDOC Week 2021 is structured around the theme of **'Heal Country!'**. It gives us the opportunity to explore key Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander perspectives, peoples, histories and stories. NAIDOC week is celebrated in the second week of the school holidays, 4th - 11th July 2021.

## **DET- School access and COVID processes revised:**

As emailed, parents and carers may now be on site at school (with appropriate social distancing please) for drop off and collection as necessary. You do not need to sign in because you are remaining outside. Density limits still exclude parents and carers from entering classrooms, Brekky Club and the Multi Purpose Room etc. All adults ( parents or visitors) entering the Administration (Office) area must wear a mask and use the QR sign in code please, prior to entry. Inter- school sport and excursions are allowed again and visiting artists can be on site at school –as long as we work in our BVSPS 'bubbles' to keep everyone safe. COVID cleaning routine continue around the school and playgrounds are remaining open to the public.

## **Student Led Conferences: Thursday 24th June:**

These meetings 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. Please enjoy this sharing time with your child and their teacher.

## **June reports for 2021 (\*paperless!):**

*Your child's 2021 Semester one (June) school report is now available on Sentral and can be accessed by parents and carers via the Parent Portal. All parents and carers will be expected to have accessed and read their child's June report, PRIOR to the Student Led Conferences please.*

## **Winter Woollies fundraiser:**

Our SLC has organised an Out of Uniform day to help raise funds to support the Smith Family. Please come dressed in your favourite scarf (**that's easy for me!**), beanie and gloves etc and bring a gold coin to help raise funds for this worthy cause.

Please enjoy the end of term reflections and contributions from every grade to help celebrate all the events this term. Ms Kennedy will be taking some well deserved Long Service leave to start of Term 3. She will be replaced by Mrs Lynda McCarten in the classroom. Safe travels Ms K—have fun!

*On behalf of all staff, I would like to thank all families for their flexibility and support this term. We saw some quick changes to restrictions and a move to remote and flexible learning again and the positive responses of our families helped make our jobs much easier! Please take these holidays as an opportunity to re-energise, manage the pace and enjoy some time together please!*

Cheers—Mrs Costello

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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

## Special Events

### 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

### Wednesday 14 July

NO lunch orders available today.

### Wednesday 21 July

Lunch orders start for term 3.

# Pre-loved Uniforms!

Louise Rodriguez

Days from 2- 3 pm.

Unavailable until further notice.

[Louise.Rodriguez@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Louise.Rodriguez@education.vic.gov.au)

Thank you!

All donations of pre- loved items welcome!





# VIOLET STREET BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL



Foundation Lowe  
Room 9

## End of Term Celebrations



Foundation Quarrier Room 10





# End of Term Celebrations

## Grade 1/2M-B Room 6



## Grade 1/2W Room 7

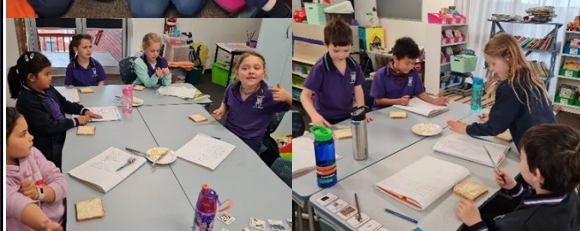
Procedures— last week we made jelly, damper and fairy bread! YUM!



## Grade 1/2D Room 8

This term in 1/2D, we have been exploring procedure writing. We know that a procedure is telling us the steps that we need to follow to complete the task. We also know that a procedure has a materials or what will you need section to let us know the items required to complete the task. The steps need to be very specific so that anyone can follow the procedure.

Here we are with the jelly and fairy bread that we made in class and then wrote our own procedure.







# VIOLET STREET BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Grade 3/4KR Room 1

### Machines! Machines! Machines!

In Term 2, our Inquiry topic was 'Simple Machines'. We learnt about different types of machine, we made machines and we visited places to watch machines in action. We have included lots of pictures to showcase what we have been doing.



## End of Term Celebrations

### Grade 3/4K Room







# End of Term Celebrations

I learnt how to do a straddle jump. —Sian

I enjoyed being able to run around and have fun with my friends. —Jack

I thought the trampolines were great. —Charlie

Gym was great as I learnt to do new tricks on the bars. —Libby

## Grade 5/6C Room 4

I enjoyed the exercise we did on the trampoline and I learnt how to do a rocket jump. —Milla

The big trampoline was a lot of fun, gym was great but tired me out. —Lilly

Tumbling was the best part as it was a bit like parkour. —Lewis

The best part of gym was the bars as I got to swing high and do front flips. —Rory

My favourite part of gym was using my powerful arms to climb the rope and the bars. —Brayden

I learnt to be brave and try new things, the trampoline and the high bar were the best. —Leo

It was good because I got to go on bars, beam and the trampoline. —Connor

I was able to learn how to balance better on the beam. —Freya

It was wonderful to be able to use up all of my energy bouncing on the trampolines. —Vivienne

I had fun because I got to climb the rope using my core body strength and balance. —Harry

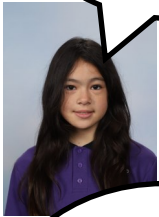
I liked going to gym as they taught me how to do a proper cartwheel and I enjoyed using my upper body strength to swing on the ropes. —Lachlan





# End of Term Celebrations

I came 13th at the cross country. I'm very proud to finish in that position.



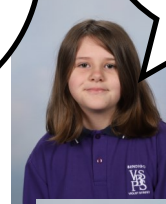
I was second place in the cross country. My Nana and Pa were there.



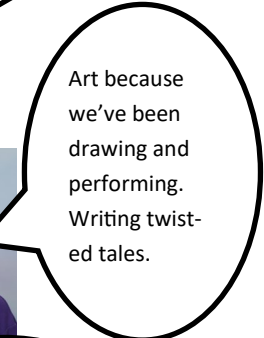
At the ANZAC ceremony I placed a wreath. It went for 30 minutes and most of the students were respectful.



In music I got to work with my friends and form our own band.



Art because we've been drawing and performing. Writing twisted tales.



The athletics were the best! Why? The thrill of the exercise, the bonding experience and the medals!



I loved learning about the Dragon Boat Festival.



I still can't forget about the giant swing at camp in term 1!



Cross country was hard, but I still came first!!

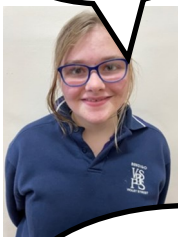


Grade 5/6F

Room 3



Art and Music. In music we are forming bands.



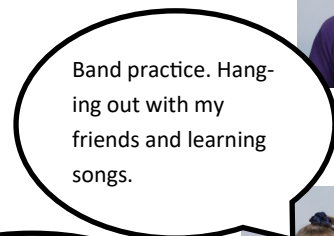
Cross country was tough, but FUN!



Forming bands in Music. We get to choose our band name and members.



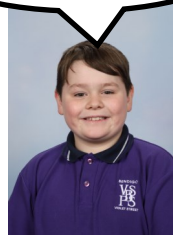
Band practice. Hanging out with my friends and learning songs.



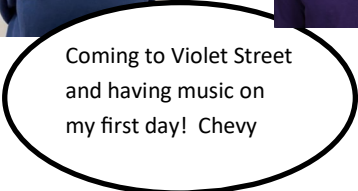
I loved cross country because it makes me fit and healthy.



Music! Music! Music!



Coming to Violet Street and having music on my first day! Chevy



At the cross country I came 4th in green division. It was fun and tiring.



I came 25th at the cross country.



I kept the lead the whole way in the cross country and finished first!



Coming to Violet Street and meeting new people. I've made so many new friends.







# End of Term Celebrations



## Music

The main focus in Music this term has been on

### MAKING & MOVING to MUSIC

The **Foundation** grades have been moving creatively to a range of songs using scarves and a great big stretchy rainbow band.

With a focus on teamwork, these grades keep in time with the beat of the music and can stomp on the beat for the Cha Cha Slide!

The **Grade 1/2** classes have been listening to different types of music—from classical to pop—and have been moving their bodies to best suit the music. The 1/2 students also learned the Hand Jive and created and notated their own version of this iconic dance.

**Grades 3/4's** have continued with their whole class ukulele lessons and are making terrific progress. They have also been moving creatively to music and recently tried a Norwegian folk dance called Cross Dance, where they not only move in time together, they also have to create and copy different rhythms.

The **Grade 5/6** classes created their very own rock/pop bands and have been rehearsing every week for their class performances this week. Keep an eye out, there are a few bands that would like to perform for a larger audience in the near future!

## Art

One of the highlights this term has been our re-introduction to clay, and learning how to glaze our creations. Our grade 5/6 students have learned how to create their own personalised paint palette. Here are photos of five students who created very different palettes with the wells for mixing paint. They have glazed them with white glaze and now they have been fired and are ready for painting! Don't they look amazing?



## Physical Education

Term 2 in P.E has been so amazing. Students have been so welcoming and I have loved getting to know all the students here at BVSPS. We have learnt new skills, practiced old skills and had lots of fun. Highlights for the term have been our grades 3-6 participating in the cross country/fun run, our P-2 learning new bouncing skills and our teamwork shown in minor games.





## Gardening



Hello All, our grades were very busy in the garden this week.



The Spectacular Silverbeet did some very careful weeding of tiny sprouting chickweed and grasses.

We also found some lovely eggs, Just look at that amazing green egg from our new hen, the grey Arakana, kindly donated by Renae's mum. This is very first one we've collected!



Wednesday saw 3/4K swing into action with the Beet Troops harvesting a variety of veggies for some soup making. Louis has a beautiful purple cauliflower, we also harvested walking onions, potatoes and celery with a little thyme for extra flavour.



The Butterflies collected our beautifully crumbly compost to add to our strawberry bed. It was very tempting to save worms too.



After Lunch 1/2 W got going. The Watermelons self organised to move compost from bay 1 to bay 2. A great system and well done!

The Boysenberries carefully weeded those tiny pesky chickweed from around the broccoli.



Stay Safe and well during the holidays and if you're up at the school you might like to carefully harvest 1 or 2 of our moorish mandarins growing on the Old Violet street side of the school. They will be nicely ripe soon. Just pick carefully by holding the stem of the fruit and gently pulling and twisting at the same time.

Happy growing and cooking,  
Sara



On Thursday, the Gardening Group followed up with the same work, this time in our broccoli bed. Great for fine motor skills and plant recognition! They showed great focus and intensity.



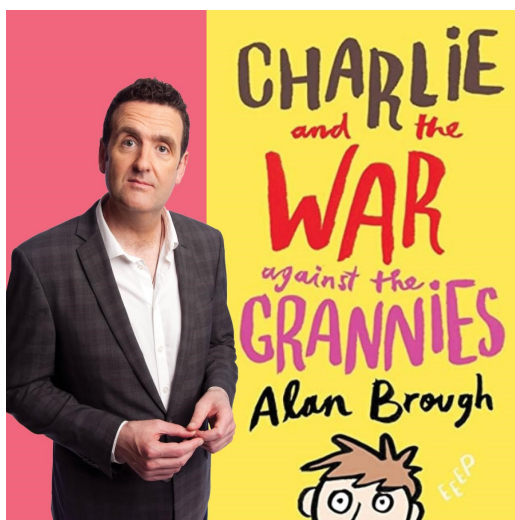


# Literacy at home

Come and join us for some free and fun activities!

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 winter school holiday break, so make sure to pop in and check what's on offer!

[Click this link to view the complete program.](#)



## Alan Brough: Charlie and the war against the grannies

You probably recognise Alan as a team captain on the ABC TV show 'Spicks and Specks' - he is also a comedian, musician and author who loves to talk to kids about writing, jokes and how to weaponize handkerchiefs! Join Alan for a wonderful interactive spoken word and musical performance based on his book Charlie and the War Against the Grannies.

Ages 7-12 years.

**Wednesday 30 June, 2-3pm**

Online via Zoom

**BOOK NOW**



Goldfields  
Libraries

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MON 28 JUN-FRI 9 JUL

### Very Hungry Caterpillar necklaces

Make your own Very Hungry Caterpillar to wear around your neck using coloured card and pasta - so cute!

Ages 4-8 years.



**Wednesday 30 June & Thursday 8 July, 10.30am**

Kangaroo Flat Library

**BOOK NOW**

**Friday 2 & Tuesday 6 July, 10.30am**

Eaglehawk Library

**BOOK NOW**

**Wednesday 7 July, 10.30am-12pm**

Bendigo Library

**BOOK NOW**





# Wellbeing at home

Some kids can't wait to get back to school, while others are shocked when they discover the holidays are about to end! Wherever your child is, these tips will help them transition back into the school routine.

## Talk it up

Your child will find the end of the holidays easier if they're feeling positive about going back to school. Help them remember the things they enjoyed last term, and find some things that will excite them about this new term.

## Address concerns

If your child seems worried, find out what's on their mind and help them think of some strategies.

## Catch up with friends

If your child hasn't seen their friends much over the holidays, or is feeling a little nervous about being with other kids again, see if you can organise a playdate or two. This will remind them of the fun they have with their friends at school, and help them to feel more confident.

## Get the gear

Do a stocktake with your child to check if they have everything they will need for school. Do their uniform, hat and shoes still fit? Is it time to refresh their school bag, pencil case, lunchbox or water bottle? Do your stocktake early, so there's plenty of time to shop. Remember to label everything, especially hats, jumpers, lunch boxes and water bottles, or they're likely to end up in lost property.

## Get back to healthy eating

During the holidays we often indulge in a few more treats than normal. If your child is out of the habit of eating healthy meals and snacks, start reintroducing them so that they get back into eating foods that will give them the physical and mental energy they need through a school day.

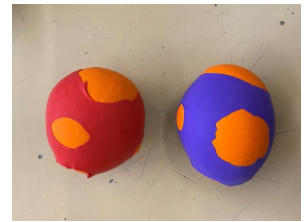
## Set some goals

Encourage your child to set some goals for the year. For example, they might want to read their first chapter book, become confident with subtraction, or make two new friends.





# STRESS BALLS



Sadly the sale of stress balls has come to an end. Saoirse, Ingrid and Charli would like to thank everyone for supporting their fundraising efforts to help save the Grey-headed flying fox. They would like to share the following information about flying foxes to show why they're so special:

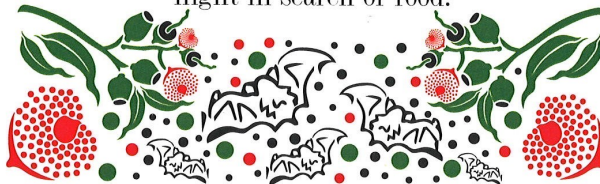
## Flying foxes are a Keystone species that pollinate our forests. NO BATS=NO FOREST

Flying foxes across Queensland, NSW, and Victoria are in steep decline.

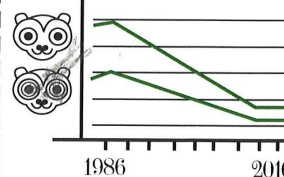
There are four species of flying foxes in AUS. Black, Grey headed, Spectacle and Little Red.

Both the Grey-headed flying fox and Spectacled flying fox have declined by at least 95% in the past century, with massive losses in the past 30 years

Flying foxes feed on pollen nectar and fruit. They don't use sonar, so they fly about 60 km each night in search of food.



Melbourne has 3 colonies. The main colony in Yarra Bend Park has over 30,000 grey headed flying foxes. The other two colonies are around the city outskirts



They are vulnerable to extinction. Some scientists believe they could be functionally extinct by 2050.

The main threats that affect Flying foxes are: habitat loss, starvation, increased heat events, legal and illegal shooting, and man-made hazards like power lines, barbed wire and improper backyard fruit tree netting.



Stay tuned for a new exciting business setting up shop in front of the library next term!

Stay safe and have a happy holiday. See you next term!