



NEWSLETTER

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Crossing the Road/Car park Safety

For your child's safety we ask that all children use the crossing and wait for Doug, he is there to assist them across the road. Similarly, we ask that parents are vigilant in the car park. We know that young children are not yet aware of traffic and may put themselves at risk in their eagerness to reunite with their family each day! We ask that adults get out of their car and come to collect their children from the gate– this ensures that all drivers can see those walking across the car park.

Sunsmart Policy: Hats On

All students are required to wear their broad brimmed hats, even when playing or participating in activities under our outside shelters.

Our SunSmart Policy is based upon the Cancer Council guidelines that hats should be worn when UV levels are above 3 on the index (usually around the beginning of September in each year). We source this information from the following website:

www.bom.gov.au/products/UV/Bendigo_VIC.shtml

Hats off occurs when UV levels fall below 3 on the index (usually around the beginning of May in each year).

Please remember that only bucket or broad brimmed hats may be worn. Our Sunsmart mantra is “No hat, no playing in the sun.” (you may either play under the shade sails in the Court Yard or inside the Library during Second break).





Naming Clothing

Each year we have a large amount of lost property at school. Please clearly name all clothing (including hats) so that it can be quickly returned to its owner. We have white material markers in the Office and we will happily record

student's names on hats and clothing if needed. Just send your child to ask for help.

Communication

As parents and carers you will at times need to meet with classroom teachers to clarify classrooms programs and sometimes discuss problems that may have arisen. The teachers and Leadership Team will endeavour to meet and discuss any range of school issues as soon as possible, however please be aware staff meetings occur on Tuesday and Wednesday nights straight after school. There is an assumption all teachers will attend meetings on time. Teachers want to address your questions and concerns, so calling to organise a time to meet will ensure the question or issue can be addressed with plenty of time and no interruptions.

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Getting to Know You Interviews – These will occur over two sessions this Term. The evening of Thursday 19 February after school 3.30 -6 p.m., and then Friday 20 February as a STUDENT FREE DAY from 10a.m.-2.15 p.m. A note from Mrs Johnstone will be sent home today. The purpose of these interviews is for you to share anything we need to know about your child. We will also work together to set Term 1 goals for your child.

The YMCA Early Learning Centre will be operating a full day Out of School Hours Care on Friday 20 February. Students must be registered beforehand to attend. Contact them on 54446666 or their website for details.

Book Packs

Congratulations to all our families who have received their book packs by paying in full or registering for Centrepay. Ways to pay – Centrepay, Cash, EFTPOS, payment plans...please see Kristie or Sue in the Office to arrange payment.

Footy Clinics- Mr Woodward has organised some AFL Footy Clinics for all our students to enjoy over the course of this term. This is a free incursion program.

Breakfast Club- Kym and Rohan are back serving delicious, healthy breakfasts in the Canteen in 2021. The Breakfast Program runs from 8.30-8.50 each school day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

All school councils in Victoria operate under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. The school council has particular functions in setting and monitoring the school's direction. School councils have three main responsibilities:

Finance – overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial operation.

Strategic Planning – participating in the development and monitoring of the school's strategic plan.

Policy Development and Review – developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect the school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.

For 2021, School Council elections must be completed by **March 31st**.

School Council Nominations

The following timetable outlines our school election procedure. Nomination forms can be collected from the office.

Vacancies for 2021 include parent, community and staff representatives.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

- a) Notice of election and call for nominations: Monday 8 February, 2021
- b) Closing date for nominations: Monday, 15 February 2021
- c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominations will be posted (if required): Wednesday 17 February 2021
- d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed (if required): On or before Monday 22 February 2021
- e) Close of ballot: Monday 1 March 2021
- f) Vote Count and Declaration of poll: Thursday 4 March

First School Council Meeting in March will include election of office bearers.

Respect, Co-operation, Responsibility, Be Our Best

Joanne Ryan
Acting Principal

Our amazing staff 2021



Amy



Mrs Lacey



Rohan



Fran



Gai



Kristie



Tim



Mr West



Jennie



Sue



Mr Millar



Mrs Wells



Mrs Drum



Ms Wilson



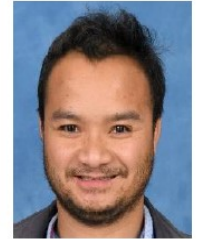
Jean



Mrs Caelli



Edward



Nay Thway



Anna



Mrs Parsons



Mr Woodward



Kym



Mel



RoDy



Ms King



Mrs Tonzing



Mrs Johnstone



Mr Keller (Paul)



Ms Ryan (Jo) ... & not here for now
Julie Hommelhoff



School Nurse Health Assessments

All Prep students in Victoria are eligible for a free health assessment. The School Entrant Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) allows parents/carers to consent to this assessment and provide relevant health information. This questionnaire will be sent home with all our Prep students shortly. Please complete and return the Questionnaire as quickly as possible.

Happy Birthday to:

James J, Declan K, Jaiden W, Owen C, Theo L and Anneaka P.

We hope you have an amazing day.

CONTACT US:

5443 2501

Acting Principal:

Jo Ryan

Business Manager:

Kristie Coates

Leading Teacher:

Paul Keller

Learning Specialist:

Katrina Johnstone

Specialist Coordinator:

Roxanne Tonzing

Social Worker:

Gai Maddams

School Council President

Sonia Valli

Parents and Friends President:

Donna Rutherford

Calendar of events:

February 19th - Getting to know you interviews.

Monday March 8th -Queens Birthday holiday.

Tuesday March 16th - Grade 3-6 The 91 Storey Treehouse excursion

Friday March 19th - Harmony Day

Thursday April 1st - Last day of Term 1

Monday April 19th - First day of Term 2

**Don't
forget**

Please remember smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all Victorian Schools and within the school grounds



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Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club

Junior and Senior teams available to join:
U9 mixed, U11 mixed, U12 girls, U13 mixed, U15 mixed, U18 mixed, Senior Men, Senior Women

Registration Day:

Sunday 7 February 12.30pm-2.30pm at the Bendigo Hockey Ground (Ashley Street, Ironbark)

BBQ and drinks included **PLUS a lucky door prize!**

We have hired the turf from 1.30pm-2.30pm, so bring your gear for a hit around.

Uniforms will be available on the day to borrow (for Juniors players) or to buy (for Senior players).

Training: Is on Wednesdays 5.30pm-6.30pm for Juniors and 6.30pm-7.30pm for Seniors at the Bendigo Hockey Ground (Ashley Street, Ironbark). Turf training begins Wednesday 10 March.

Come down and have a try! No experience necessary. We welcome everyone!

For more information: senjuns@gmail.com, 0408 294 095

ARE YOU A CARER?

(Caring for a school aged child with a disability, learning disability, mental illness or chronic illness)

Would you like to take some time out to care for yourself? Be part of a social support group with others experiencing similar situations?

If the answer is yes then join the Walking and Wellbeing Group. There will be two walks each week, you can choose which one to attend.

Walking & Wellbeing Group

Lake Weeroona

Tuesdays & Thursdays during school terms.
Meet between 9-9.20am at the Rowing Club end of the lake.

For more information contact
Natasha Harrick on 1800 068 978 or
email nharrick@bendigohealth.org.au



• **IF YOU HAVE TO** GIVE YOUR CHILD PANADOL OR NUROFEN FOR A FEVER TODAY, THEY SHOULD **STAY AT HOME TOMORROW.**

• **IF YOUR CHILD HAS** A HARD COUGH, CONSTANT RUNNY NOSE, SORE THROAT OR SWOLLEN GLANDS THEY SHOULD **NOT BE AT SCHOOL TOMORROW.**



• **IF YOU HAVE GIVEN** THEM PANADOL OR NUROFEN IN THE MORNING TO GET THEM 'THROUGH THE DAY', THEN THEY SHOULD NOT COME TO SCHOOL.

• **IF YOUR CHILD HAS** VOMITING AND/OR HAS DIARRHOEA TODAY, THEY SHOULD NOT COME TO SCHOOL FOR 48 HOURS AFTER SYMPTOMS HAVE RESOLVED.

PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR SICK, STILL RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS OR FEVERISH CHILD BACK TO SCHOOL TOO EARLY.

LET'S STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS TOGETHER.

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website <http://www.lightningreefps.vic.edu.au/>

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

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