

NEWSLETTER

PO Box 66 NORTH BENDIGO 3550

Dear Families and Friends.

We are fast approaching Easter, and as such have a few exciting things to look forward to:

The Colour Fun Run

On the last day of Term, Thursday April 6th, the students will participate in the Fun Run (Cross Country). This year, Ms B has organised a fundraiser and will incorporate a Colour Fun Run for those students who enrol on-line and fundraise for our school.

We have already had over \$2000 raised- WELL DONE TEAM!

Originally we were intending on using a grant to provide students who raise at least \$10.00 with a white T-shirt. Unfortunately, we have not been able to buy these shirts in bulk, so parents will need to purchase their own children's white t-shirts in order to participate in the Colour Fun Run.

As a token of thanks, students who raise over \$10 will receive a water bottle and Zooper Dooper along with a headband and sunglasses.

Parents & Friends Easter Raffle

The donations towards our Easter Egg baskets continue to flow in. Mrs Drum's class are still leading the donation drive, but if another class swoops in they may well receive the hot chips to share from the P&F association.

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

The SLC continue to sell about 25 Zooper Doopers each day during the first break. So far we have raised about \$200 to donate to the hospital.

SWPBS Lightning BOLT

The bolt is nearly full, so the staff are trying to think of a special Whole School event to celebrate all the Dojo points the students have gathered for displaying our expected behaviours. We will keep you posted each week at assembly.

Kristie will be away for the rest of the term.

Kristie is taking some time off to have a medical procedure next week. We will all be thinking of her and sending our positive energy to wish her a speedy recovery. Sue has agreed to help out in the office between 8.30 and 3.30 while Kristie is away. We look forward to having Kristie back at the start of Term 2.

Jo Ryan

Acting Principal



Amy Gillett : Wellbeing Lead Teacher PH: 0466 123 961

Useful websites and contacts:

Kids Matter - www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Youth Beyond Blue - www.youthbeyondblue.com.au

Headspace - www.headspace.org.au

Reach Out - www.reachout.com

Raising Children Network

- www.raisingchildren.net.au

Kids helpline - 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or [web counselling](#)

Parentline - 1300 30 1300 (8am to 10pm seven days a week) & [web counselling](#) Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 2pm

School emergency lunches



We are happy to provide food to students who have no lunch. They are ready to go on a trolley at Breakfast Club, so all students need to do is come in to Breaky Club before school and choose what they'd like.

The choices students have include:

⇒ Cheese sandwich



⇒ Tuna and Rice Bowl



⇒ Lentil Bowl

⇒ BBQ Messy Monkeys



⇒ Fruit Cup

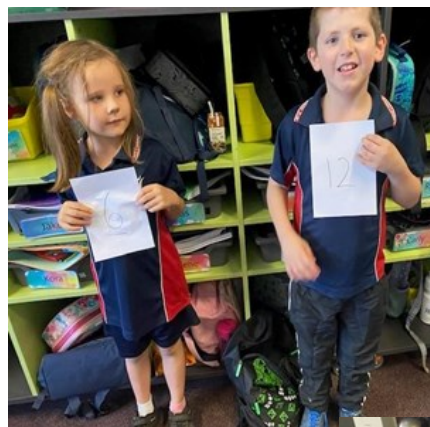


Room 7 and 8 Newsletter Item

This term the mathematicians of room 7 and 8 have been learning all about place value. We have been making, reading and writing numbers and learning about Friends of 10. We have also been playing lots of fun games using a 100s chart to help us figure out ten more and ten less.

This week we have been making human number lines with cards. We have been using our place value knowledge to work out which numbers are bigger or smaller, ordering them then placing them on a number line.

All of this great thinking will help us when we are adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying!



School Wide Expectations & Values	Let's Just Do It YARD EXPECTATIONS AT L.R.P.S.			
	Schoolyard	Oval	Toilets	Court-yard
BE YOUR BEST	Line up quickly and quietly when the bell rings Walk away – Tell an adult	Tell an adult if you see a problem Get an adult to help if you have a problem	Use toilets appropriately	Passive play only Sports equipment free zone
BE RESPECTFUL	Follow adult directions the first time Use right words, right choice Respect others' games and space No spitting Rubbish in bins	Leave sand, sticks and stones on the ground	Keep the door closed Flush the toilet when finished Give others privacy Keep toilets tidy	Ask nicely to join in Share equipment
BE CO-OPERATIVE	Share equipment Wait your turn Agree on rules before you play Play school approved games	Play by the agreed rules	Wait your turn	Listen to others
BE RESPONSIBLE	Hands & feet to yourself Use equipment correctly Food to be eaten at eating time Walking Feet on the concrete Play in designated areas Take care of the environment	All ball kicking games to be played on the oval. Put equipment away when you have finished using it	Wash your hands Leave the toilet area as soon as you have finished Wait for your friends outside Keep games outside	Pack up when the music starts

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Lightning Learner

Lightning Learner Award		
Room	Name	Reason
4		
5	Isabella	For trying to write independently in writing time
7	Selene	For completing her planning independently in writing time
8	Kwar Lae Lae	For expanding on his ideas to write an interesting narrative.
2	Riley	Working well during Maths demonstrating a good understanding of money.
3	Ricky	tryihng hard with money tasks in maths
9	Willow	teaching how to make a shape net to a buddy
10	Nathan	for working hard to solve an open-ended math task
Art	Summer	For taking her time to make a wonderful animal collage in Art.
PE		
Music/Drama	Roger	For playing interesting rhythms on the djembe.
LOTE	Jason	Singing 'Happy Birthday' in Karen to his class.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Let's Just Do It!

Let's Just Do It Award		
Room	Name	Reason
4		
5	Kayleigh	Following instructions straight away and being ready to learn.
7	Ruby	Using her munching manners during eating time on the mat.
8	Emily	For including others when turn and talking on the floor.
2	Issabella	For always doing her best in class and being a kind and helpful class member.
3	Marlie	always showing kindness to others
9	Moiz	always showing respect throughout the entire school
10	Sasha	for being a kind and respectful member of Room 10
Art	Jenny	For bringing a fun, positive energy to each Art lesson.
PE		
Music/Drama	Matilda	For demonstrating confidence when leading a djembe circle.
LOTE	Ruby G	For always participating in class discussions when learning Karen.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS



We are now using



To login, you will require your unique family username and password.
These details have been emailed to you, however if you are yet to receive them, please contact the school office.

You will initially be provided with a temporary password that you will be prompted to update to one of your choosing when you login for the first time.

To login, go to your school's Compass site. Type in your username and password and click 'Sign in'.

A screenshot of the Magic P-12 College login page. It features the school's crest on the left, which includes a shield with a cross and a banner below it that says "Magic P-12 College". To the right of the crest are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". Below these fields is a "Sign in" button, followed by Google and Facebook social media icons. At the bottom, there is a "Remember me" checkbox and a link that says "Can't access your account?".

If it is the first time you are logging in, you will be required to confirm your email address and mobile number. These details may be used by the school for SMS/email communications and also, password recovery.

A screenshot of the "Welcome to the Magic P-12 College Parent Portal" page. It contains a paragraph of text explaining that users need to confirm their mobile phone number and email address for school communications and password recovery. Below this text, the name "Mrs Sable BROOKS" is displayed. At the bottom, there are two input fields labeled "Mobile" and "Email".

Also when logging in for the first time, once you have confirmed your details, you will be required to change your temporary password to one of your choosing. When you have entered your new password, click 'Save'.

A screenshot of a password change form. The heading is "Next, you will need to change your password". Below it, a section titled "Your new password must:" lists several requirements: not contain the username, not be a recently used password, be at least eight characters long, contain at least one uppercase letter, contain at least one lowercase letter, and contain at least one number. At the bottom, there are two input fields: "New Password:" and "Confirm New Password:", followed by a "Save" button.

HAVE YOU LOGGED IN YET?
DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW
and search for Lightning Reef
Primary School!

We're excited to welcome your child back into the classroom.

Being at school is critical for your child's learning and their mental, physical, and social wellbeing.

Every day of attending school counts.

We want to support your child to have a positive start to the year. We will do this by:

- helping your child to re-establish positive school attendance routines
- working with you with respect to your child's wellbeing and learning needs
ensuring we understand where your child is up to with their learning and social-emotional development, where required
providing targeted support to help them progress

If your child is absent, please mark on Compass and provide a reason. If you don't, we will call to see if everything is okay.

If you have any concerns, please contact your classroom teacher who may refer to leadership when needed □

Amy Gillett- Wellbeing & Attendance Leader

Happy Birthday to Ezra G, Ma San Win and Ember T.

We hope you had an amazing day.



Calendar of events:

Wednesday March 15th -

Naplan testing begins

Tuesday March 21st - School photos

Thursday April 6th - Fun run and last day of Term 1

Monday April 24th - Term 2 begins

Monday April 24th - Prep - 2 Gymnastics program begins

Wednesday May 3rd - Year 5/6 Doxa Camp Melbourne

Wednesday May 17th - Year 3/4 Camp Kookaburra

CONTACT US:

5443 2501

Acting Principal:

Jo Ryan

Business Manager:

Kristie Coates

Leader– Student Wellbeing:

Amy Gillett

Leader– Disability & Inclusion:

Paul Keller

Leader– Teaching & Learning

Katrina Johnstone

Social Worker:

Gai Maddams

School Council President

Daria Turnbull

Parents and Friends

Sonia Valli & Jodie Madon

Please remember smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all Victorian Schools and within the school grounds, this includes our shared entrance and the bus stop



Lost property

Please remember to check lost property regularly. It is located just inside our foyer entrance.



BE YOUR BEST



BE RESPECTFUL



BE CO-OPERATIVE



BE RESPONSIBLE



School preparedness and pre-emptive actions for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings indicate how dangerous a fire would be if one started in those conditions and provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. They can be a trigger for action in community and for school and household level fire plans.



Schools and children's services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at some lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list will be closed when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Schools and early childhood services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list take pre-emptive actions on elevated fire danger days to minimise the risk of being caught in a fire in these conditions. The category of risk (per the BARR or Category 4 list) determines the actions that the school or early childhood service will need to take on days of elevated fire danger.

Our school has been identified as being one of these schools at high bushfire or grassfire risk, and is a BARR school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in the **Northern Country fire district**.

The department will advise our school of the potential for a **Catastrophic fire danger rating** as information becomes available, however the pre-emptive closure will be **confirmed by 1pm the day prior to Catastrophic fire danger day**.

Fire danger ratings are forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology up to four days in advance. Should a Catastrophic day be forecast, we will notify you of the potential closure by an email or hard copy letter, SMS and Compass notification. Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- Depending on which fire weather district is impacted, bus route cancellations may affect our school.

Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to elevated fire danger or a Catastrophic fire forecast. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking Compass, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's Bushfire Survival Plan.
- You can access current information about school and early childhood services closures, including those due to elevated fire danger, on the Department of Education and Training's website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters



Do your children play sport? Or would like to play sport? Get active today with the help of Get active Victoria.

Eligible children may receive up to \$200 to cover the costs for membership and registration fees. Applications are now open.

<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>



WANTED U12, U14 and U16 GIRLS FOOTBALLERS

The White Hills Junior Football Club is seeking any
girls interested in playing Under 12, 14 or 16
Girls football.

If you are interested in playing, please contact
Phil Murley on 0409 462 900 or email the club
whjfcclub@gmail.com for further information.



FREE COFFEE and snacks!
No booking required.



CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

Support Groups for anyone caring for a person who is
under 18 with disability, developmental delay,
neurodiversity and/or mental ill-health

If you don't live in the
Bendigo region, you can
join us online by calling us
on: 0488 605 363
We can send you a zoom
link!



Morning Tea Group
Date: 1st and 3rd Thursday
of each month

Time: 10am – 12 noon

Where: 480 Hargreaves St.
Bendigo

If you have any forms or
documents you need help
with, please bring them along!



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Welcome

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Play in the Garden Day

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PLAYGROUP WEEK

10AM - 1PM

TUESDAY MARCH 21

GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE
BOSQUET STREET, WHITE HILLS

FREE
EVENT

LOTS OF FUN, FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- ANIMAL FARM AND PONY RIDES
- FACE PAINTING
- MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
- BUBBLE PLAY AND CIRCUS ACTIVITIES
- ART AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- STORY TIME SESSION
- WALKING TOURS OF LARNI GARINGILANG
(MEANS HOME OF GROWTH IN THE
LANGUAGE OF THE DJA DJA WURRUNG)
- CONNECT WITH LOCAL EARLY
YEARS SERVICES



FREE FRESH FRUIT • \$2 SAUSAGES and VEGGIE BURGERS • COFFEE AVAILABLE

Coliban Water refill unit available please remember to bring your drink bottle

