

NEWSLETTER

PO Box 66 NORTH BENDIGO 3550

Dear Parents and Friends,

We have just been informed that our Toilets in the Gym building will be completely redone. The Department of Education will completely fund this rebuild at a cost of almost \$100,000. Given the massive undertaking, we will need to continue to use the Portable Toilets for quite some time, but it will be worth it to have the whole area fixed!

UNIFORMS

A reminder that school uniform is compulsory at Lightning Reef Primary School. If your child is in need of a school jumper or shirt, we do have some second-hand available to purchase for minimum cost. We can also arrange for a voucher from State School's Relief for families that need financial assistance, should you want to purchase more uniforms from Lowe's. Please come and see us in the office if you need assistance.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

The SLC have done an amazing job selling Zooper Doopers each break to raise donations for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Families are reminded that tax refundable donations can be given at : <https://fundraise.goodfridayappeal.com.au/fundraisers/lightningreefps>

KRISTIE IS ON THE MEND

I know you will all be happy to hear that Kristie is home, recovering well from her short stint in hospital. She will be back ready to go next term.

COLOUR FUN RUN

A reminder that families will need to source their own white shirts for the Colour Fun Run on the last day of term– Thursday 6th April.

We will have a sausage sizzle that day for lunch– students and families can pre-order their lunch later this week, but I'm sure Mr Millar, Kim and Mel will be happy to cook some extras on the day for families who'd like to purchase an extra sausage in bread or two.

END OF DAY PICK UP

A reminder that students are to wait for their families to collect them at either the front gate (under the blue shade sails) or the back gate. If they are not collected by 3.30, when teachers finish their day's supervision, they will be escorted to the office where Mrs Johnstone, Kristie or I will call.

Please do not ask students to meet you at another area. This makes our job of supervising your child too difficult. The office is also not a place to meet children.

Office staff are still working, and when people use the foyer as a meeting place, it becomes very noisy.

Jo Ryan

Acting Principal



Curriculum Corner

NAPLAN

Congratulations to those students in Year 3 and 5 who participated in NAPLAN this week. Students completed Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (Grammar and Spelling) and Numeracy assessments. Despite some initial nerves, all the students did a fantastic job. Some students who have been absent will complete make up assessments on Monday. The 2023 NAPLAN results are scheduled to be received by the school by the end of Term 2 and will be distributed to parents/carers shortly after.

Year 3–6 Camps

Next term Year 5/6 students are heading to DOXA Melbourne Camp from Wednesday 3rd–Friday 5th May. Year 3/4 students are off to Camp Kookaburra on Wednesday 17th May until Friday 19th May. Students will be participating in a range of fantastic activities. This year there will be no cost for either of these camps. This is due to the Victorian Government 's Positive Start program. This program aims to boost students physical and emotional health and wellbeing in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. It allows students to be more active, reconnect with friends and find inspiration in new and exciting places. Camp permission has been sent via COMPASS and needs to be complete as soon as possible. If you need assistance please speak to your child's teacher.

How can I help my child succeed at school?

Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep.



Ask your child about school and encourage them to talk about their day.



Ensure your child has a healthy lunch, fruit snack and bottle of water. It's important for their development.



Have a quiet place for homework and encourage organisation rather than rushing at the last minute.

Stay involved and contact your child's teacher if you have any issues or concerns.



Attend 3-Way Conferences to help set your child's learning goals and celebrate their successes.



Katrina Johnstone
Acting Assistant Principal



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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

Mindfulness in our classrooms

As part of our SWPBS process, our school regularly reviews our current actions. As a way to support our students in their readiness to learn, starting next week we will be trailing whole school mindfulness time.

After 1st break, students will have 10 minutes to each their lunch, then 5 minutes of mindfulness in the classroom. We will be playing calming music over the loud speaker and individual classrooms will have ideas for what students can do that is independent and silent,

such as:

- ⇒ Using a fidget tool
- ⇒ Laying down and thinking about the day
- ⇒ Drawing or colouring
- ⇒ Reading
- ⇒ Listening to the music



Dojo Bolt



It is great to see the enthusiasm in which our students and staff have embraced the Dojo Bolt. To earn a piece of the bolt, students need to demonstrate our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Co-operation and Be your Best. When they do this, they are awarded a Dojo Point. When a class has earned 150 Dojo Points they are rewarded with a piece of the Dojo Bolt at our whole school assembly on Friday afternoon. When all 20 pieces of the bolt have been collected we get to have a whole school special event.

So far, our students have received 17 pieces of the bolt which means they have earnt more than 2,550 dojo points as a collective.

I can't wait to see what our special event will be.

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

PE Term 1

P-2: Throughout term one grades prep, one & two have been focussing on learning how to run safely. Learning how to participate in games with rules, and understanding sometimes we have to go out in these games. They have also focussed on Catching, kicking and jumping. We are currently practising running bigger distances for our Fun Run coming up.

3-6: Grades three, four, five and six have looked at Netball, where all students enjoyed learning the rules and skills to play it as a sport. They have also been focussing on different Athletic skills, which will help us participate in our up and coming Athletics day in term two. Recently students have been practising long distance running to prepare them for cross country (Fun Run) and the Division cross country coming up in term two.

Students from these grades were also lucky enough to have Hockey Victoria visit and provide some engaging Hockey sessions in term one.

Events coming up:

Fun run – April 6th

Cross country – May 3rd

P-2 Gymnastics – April 24th, May 1st, May 8th, May 15th

Athletics Day – April 27th



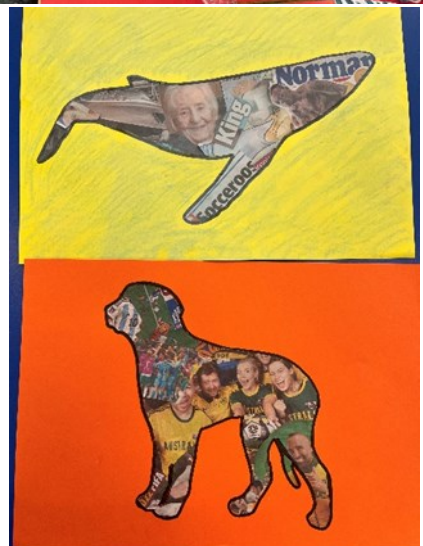
Art Term 1

This term, Room 4 & 5 students have been getting to know the Art Room and what an Art lesson may look like. They have completed a range of colouring, painting and collage-based activities.

Room 7 & 8 have participated in some activities involving colouring, painting, planning and designing a piece of art using their own handprint and themed collages.

The 3/4 classes have participated in activities involving perceived texture in drawing and colouring. They were use a range of colouring apparatuses to complete a puzzle piece with a perceived texture on it. They are currently working on some abstract art.

The 5/6 classes have been working on similar topics to the 3/4 classes but adding the element of design and producing multiple examples. Students have also had the chance to create some “free art” using a range of paint, oil pastels, charcoal and watercolours.



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Lightning Learner



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Let's Just Do It!



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**Happy Birthday to Khai W,
Eh K'lu Doh Say and Tanara M.**

We hope you had an amazing day.



Calendar of events:

Monday March 27th - Smoking ceremony 9:15am

Wednesday April 5th– Books in Homes Assembly 9:30am

Thursday April 6th - Fun run and last day of Term 1 - 2:30pm finish.

Monday April 24th - Term 2 begins

Monday April 24th - Prep - 2 Gymnastics program begins

Tuesday April 25th - ANZAC Day - No School

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

Wednesday May 17th - Year 3/4 Camp Kookaburra

CONTACT US:

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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.


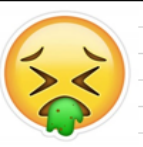

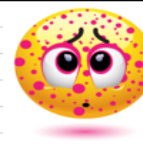
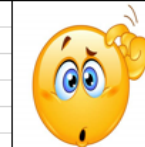
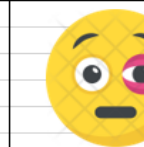
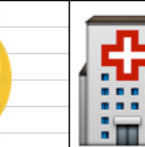
What can parents do?

- 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

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I have a FEVER	I am VOMITING	I have DIARRHOEA	I have a RASH	I have HEAD LICE	I have an EYE INFECTION	I have been in HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 38.5 degrees or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active (live) lice	Redness, itching and/or "crusty" discharge from eye	Hospital stay and/or ED visit
I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication e.g Panadol	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhoea for 24 hours	Free from rash, itching or fever. Student has been evaluated by a doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home	Exclude until discharge has ceased. Evaluated by a doctor	Released by medical practitioner to return to school

SCHOOL MONEY ENVELOPE

HOW TO ADDRESS THIS CORRECTLY

NAME:
ROOM NUMBER:
AMOUNT:
FOR:



JUNIOR FOOTY FUN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A TWO DAY PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**
8.30am - 5.00pm
Venue: Fur Life Oval
(Wade Street)

REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.goldensquarefnc.com
GO TO EVENTS TAB AND CLICK APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM REGISTRATION LINK



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

FREE COFFEE and snacks!
No booking required.

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

