

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear families.

We are excited to see our Year 5/6's at the end of the day when they return from Doxa City Camp in Melbourne.

What a wonderful time they have had exploring our state capital city.



We are so very fortunate that we have staff willing to give their personal time to attend camps with the kids. Each of the 4 teachers who attended have given up time with their own families and friends– a huge effort that does not go un-noticed! I'm sure the families will thank the teachers personally when they come to pick up their child, but from us here at school, I'd like to sincerely thank Mrs Johnstone, Ms G, Ms Aghan and Kim for planning, preparing and attending the camp for us. I hope all the travellers sleep well in their own beds tonight and rest over the weekend!

## 3/4 CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday, the 3/4 kids along with Mrs Drum, Parsons and Sue all rugged up and headed off to join Ms B at the Epsom Race Course for the Regional Cross Country Race. Each of the kids showed great persistence and pride in their achievements.

## EDUCATION WEEK & OPEN CLASSROOMS:

Next week the 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> May we will be celebrating Education Week at Lightning Reef Primary School. Education Week is an annual celebration of education, a chance for students to take part in some free and fun activities and an opportunity to share what makes our school great. This year's theme 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate' focuses on some of the amazing ways students learn inside and outside of the classroom through physical activity, hands-on-learning and student voice in education.

On Monday all students will be participating in some fun activities based around the Education Week theme of 'Move, Make and Motivate'. The classroom teachers have all worked hard to come up with some great activities for all students to participate in, and students will have the opportunity to work with mixed groups and ages.

**Open Morning will be on Wednesday  
10<sup>th</sup> May, between 9am and 11am.**

Parents, families and special friends are invited to visit our classrooms to see our classes in action. Families could be asked to read with their student, help them write, learn Karen, or participate in a PE activity!

Please feel free to come in to school and celebrate your child's learning with them. Sue will have a Sign in sheet at the Office, to make it easier as you walk through. If you know any families that are thinking about our school, please invite them to attend.

## ROTARY GARDEN

We are very lucky to have the Sandhurst Rotary Club volunteer with us to garden with our students each week. The Club worked over the holidays to move the garden beds near the Containers at the back of the Gym. This was done because we have leased the Kitchen/Garden (free of charge) to the ELC next door, to support their growing numbers.

We are very grateful to have such a positive partnership with our local community group!

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 YEAR 7 & FOUNDATION STUDENTS

The process for Kindergarten to Foundation enrolment has been bought forward to be more aligned with Secondary School enrolment. Guidelines suggest that most enrolments will be finalised by the end of July, which will help us plan for 2024! If you know any families wanting to investigate our school, please encourage them to call us for a tour.

Sue has prepared the Year 6/7 transition forms in readiness for families, which are due back at school next Friday. Any queries about the process should be directed to Sue or the Year 6 teachers.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jo Ryan

Acting Principal

**SWPBS****(Very Important Person)****VIP AWARD**

You may have had your child come home and tell you that they are the class VIP but may not know what that means or what they had to do to get to get this title.



Students are awarded a Dojo point for displaying our school values (Respect, Responsibility, Co-operation, Be Your Best) in the classroom and yard. This may look like; following adult instructions the first time, looking after school equipment, having a go at something even if it is bit tricky, including others in games outside, listening when others are talking, making sure you have everything you need to learn and letting others learn by not talking during class or disrupting others. (Have a look at our Learning area Expectation and Yard Expectations matrix for more.) Teachers keep a record of these behaviours and use this to decide who will be given the VIP award. One student from each homeroom is awarded the VIP of the week.

To celebrate these students' achievements, they are announced at assembly on Friday afternoon, where they are presented with a special LRPS VIP drink bottle and VIP pencil, have a special VIP chair at assembly AND get to choose their own special classroom job for the week. On top of all of this, our weekly VIP recipients will have their photo proudly displayed in our school foyer.

*Mr Keller*

*Inclusion Leader*

**WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK.....**

*We are currently reviewing our school values to ensure they are still relevant and meeting the needs of our school community. After consultation with School Council and staff, we moved through a thorough process to refine our recommendations to the community.*

*These are our recommendations:*

**RESPECT**– *We respect ourselves, others and our environment (NO CHANGE)*

**RESPONSIBILITY**– *We take ownership of our actions, belongings and the environment (SOME CHANGE)*

**PERSISTENCE**– *We keep trying to improve, even when it is difficult (NEW)*

**KINDNESS**– *We are gentle, caring, helpful and show concern for others (NEW)*

*Tim will send out a survey next Monday seeking your feedback. The survey provides families with an opportunity to vote yes/no for each of the values and offer alternatives.*

*Jo Ryan*

*Acting Principal*



# ASSEMBLY AWARDS

## Let's Just Do It!

Let's Just Do It Award		
Room	Name	Reason
4	Shane	For showing excellent listening at gymnastics.
5	Tommy	For being his best at gymnastics.
7	Jake	For taking pride in our classroom, cleaning up after eating time.
8	Nova	For always showing kindness to others and including them at play time.
2	Tyreece	Settling well in the classroom for full days of learning.
3	Tahlia	being kind to others
9		
10		
Art	Ella	For always waiting patiently for her turn to speak.
PE		
Music/Drama	Seth Room 5	Showing persistence when learning how to play the xylophone.
LOTE	Drazic	Always being enthusiastic when practising Karen words.

# ASSEMBLY AWARDS

## Lightning Learner

Lightning Learner Award		
Room	Name	Reason
4	Charmaine	For always trying to write more than one sentence in writing.
5	Kayleigh	For demonstrating how numbers can be broken into smaller parts.
7	Izzy	For creating an acrostic poem on hail using her senses to describe it.
8	Ma San Win	For using her SMART Spelling chart to help her when writing
2	John	Using the chunking strategy to read some challenging words.
3	Chit Chit	Trying hard with addition tasks
9		
10		
Art	Matilda Rm 10	For experimenting with a variety of "Graffiti Style" lettering in her Art activity.
PE		
Music/Drama	Ilyssa	Practising and playing a tune on the xylophone using notation.
LOTE	Tak	Using interesting actions and Karen words in a class game.

# ASSEMBLY AWARDS







Amy Gillett : Wellbeing Lead Teacher PH: 0466 123 961

Useful websites and contacts:	- <a href="http://www.raisingchildren.net.au">www.raisingchildren.net.au</a>
Kids Matter - <a href="http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au">www.kidsmatter.edu.au</a>	Kids helpline - 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or <a href="http://www.raisingchildren.net.au">web counselling</a>
Youth Beyond Blue - <a href="http://www.youthbeyondblue.com.au">www.youthbeyondblue.com.au</a>	Parentline – 1300 30 1300 (8am to 10pm seven days a week) & <a href="http://www.raisingchildren.net.au">web counselling</a> Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 2pm
Headspace - <a href="http://www.headspace.org.au">www.headspace.org.au</a>	
Reach Out – <a href="http://www.reachout.com">www.reachout.com</a>	
Raising Children Network	



## Gardening with Rotary

**This week we had some students from grade 1 alongside our amazing Rotary volunteers Stew and Adrian.**

**Together we learned about the fruit and veggies already growing and we planted some cauliflowers!**





# Grade 3/4 Cross Country





# STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF

## Prep CSEF Uniform Package 2023.



### UPDATE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Applications for the Prep 2023 CSEF Uniform Package are now open

### What you need to know.

#### When

Applications can be submitted now and will close at the **end of Term 3, 2023.**

#### Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the 2023 Prep Uniform Package the student must be a Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) recipient. To find out more, please refer to the Department of Education and Training [website](#).

#### What's in the package?

The 2023 Prep package contains the following items:

**1 x Rugby Top or Hooded / Windcheater or Jacket (Bomber/Polar Fleece) or Long Sleeve Polo**

**1 x Track Pants or Trousers or Pants**

**1 x Pair of Shoes (Lace Ups or T-Bars or Sneakers Skate or Sneakers Velcro)**

Please note the following:

- a) PE items are not included as part of this package
- b) Shoes must be requested in UK sizes (please see our shoe size conversion chart [here](#))

#### Cost to families

Families receiving vouchers may be required to make a contribution towards the cost of the uniform items. The amount a family has to pay will depend on the retail purchase price and the State Schools' Relief subsidy (*this will appear on the voucher*).

The voucher provided by State Schools' Relief lists every approved item, and the maximum purchase value, that State Schools' Relief will cover. Families will need to check your school's uniform price list to work out how much extra may need to be contributed towards the uniform item.

#### Vouchers

All vouchers have an expiry date and must be used by this date. Please note that expired vouchers will not be re-issued for this package. Vouchers will be emailed directly to the school's specified contact person.

#### Returns

Items that are supplied directly by SSR can be returned. The 'returns' form can be found on our website [here](#).

**\* Items must be in original condition and unworn. Please do not tape up shoe boxes.**

# Smile Squad is coming to this school

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school in June 2023.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

## How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

## Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

## Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Bendigo Health Smile Squad team look forward to seeing you soon.



**Happy Birthday to Has Thaw,  
Emilia K, Sher Mu Lah Taw and  
Kwae Doh S.**

**We hope you had an amazing day.**



### **Calendar of events:**

#### **Wednesday May 10th -**

Education week open morning 9 -  
11am all welcome

#### **Wednesday May 17th -** Year 3/4

Camp Kookaburra

#### **Monday June 12th -** [Kings birthday public holiday](#)

#### **Thursday June 22nd -** Grade

1/2 Aquarium excursion

#### **Friday June 23rd -** End of Term

2. 2:15pm finish

### **CONTACT US:**

**5443 2501**

#### **Acting Principal:**

Jo Ryan

#### **Acting Assistant Principal & Leader of Teaching & Learning**

Katrina Johnstone

#### **Business Manager:**

Kristie Coates

#### **Leader- Student Wellbeing:**

Amy Gillett

#### **Leader- Disability & Inclusion:**

Paul Keller

#### **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**



# Open Days

## **Bendigo Preschool**

Friday May 19, 9.30am-11.00am  
90 Myrtle St, Bendigo | (03) 4329 0405

## **Eaglehawk Preschool**

Friday May 19, 1.00pm-2.30pm  
15 Bright St, Eaglehawk | (03) 4311 1597

## **Havilah Road Preschool**

Friday May 19, 3.00pm-4.30pm  
22-24 Havilah Rd, Long Gully | (03) 4311 1501

## **North Bendigo Preschool**

Friday May 19, 11.00am-12.30pm  
55 Bannister St, Bendigo | (03) 4329 0481

Enrolment registrations are via LMPA.

Register at [Impa.org.au](http://Impa.org.au).

**[ykinders.org.au](http://ykinders.org.au)**

*You'll love the way they grow*





BENDIGO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION



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# VOLLEYBALL

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGES

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

4:30 - 6:00 PM

RED ENERGY ARENA, COURTS 4, 4A AND 5

## 2023 DATES

SUNDAY MAY 21ST - COME AND TRY

SUNDAY MAY 28TH - WEEK 1

SUNDAY JUNE 4TH - WEEK 2

SUNDAY JUNE 18TH - WEEK 3

SUNDAY JULY 16TH - WEEK 4

SUNDAY JULY 23RD - WEEK 5

SUNDAY JULY 30TH - WEEK 6

SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH - WEEK 7

SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH - WEEK 8

SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH - WEEK 9

SUNDAY AUGUST 27TH - FINALS AND PRESENTATIONS



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