

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families

Another busy week, finishing off with our Mothers Day Stall.

## Education Week

This year's theme is 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate', celebrated physical activity, hands-on learning and student voice in education. It was fantastic to see so many activities running throughout Education Week.

On Monday, students enjoyed working across year levels in House Group rotations. Together, they participated in yoga, dance, motivation to become a good leader, and cloud collages.

Then on Wednesday the school opened our doors to families, special people and prospective prep 2024 families. We had families joining in to Reading, Writing, Mathematics classes, watch PE, Art and Music lessons and share in their children's school day. The children love showing our school to their families, and we are all so proud of each and every one of them.

## MOTHERS DAY STALL TODAY

I felt so very privileged to help the P&F out on the Mothers Day Stall! Watching the children scour through the array of gifts, and so thoughtfully consider what their Mum's would like was just delightful! Having them share with us why their mum was the best mum and what was especially special about their mum was certainly the highlight of my week.

Thankyou to all the families and the staff who planned, prepared, helped out and adjusted their day to help share the love we all have for our mum's.

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

OOSHC may run for the upcoming Student Free Days next Monday 22/5 and the following Monday 29/5, if there is enough interest. I have attached a flyer to this newsletter for your interest. Please contact Denni if interested in utilising the service.

## SCHOOL VALUES REVIEW

We are still seeking feedback from families so we can finalise the process of updating the School's values . Please take 3 minutes to share your thoughts with the link below: <https://forms.office.com/r/GS4SXj6ueE>

We have had ten surveys completed, but would be really keen to hear from every family.

Happy Mothers Day.

Jo Ryan Acting Principal



# Curriculum Corner

## Report Writing – Student Free Day

To allow our staff to write Semester 1 Reports there will be a student free day on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**. Semester 1 Reports will be uploaded to Compass on Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are unable to log into Compass, please contact the school.

## Student-led Conferences

Student-led Conferences will be held on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023**. No regular classes are held but students are expected to attend school with their parents for their scheduled meeting.

These interviews are designed to allow teachers, students, and parents/carers to meet to discuss revise last terms goals and set new goals. They are important in creating a positive school/home partnership.

A pink note has been sent home to select an interview time. This needs to be returned by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023. To ensure the best chance of getting your preferred time please return ASAP. All families will be allocated a meeting time. These times will be sent home by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023.



# 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.

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# 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 Eleanor P,  
Annaka J and Bodie S**

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



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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



### **Calendar of events:**

**Wednesday May 17th** - Year 3/4  
Camp Kookaburra

Monday 22nd May– Teachers  
Report Writing Day

**NO SCHOOL**

**Monday May 29th** - Student-led  
conferences

**NO SCHOOL**

**Friday June 2nd** - U R Strong  
day of friendship incursion

**Monday June 12th** - Kings  
birthday public holiday

**Tuesday June 13th**– CFA  
incursion for prep students

**Thursday June 22nd** - Grade  
1/2 Aquarium excursion

**Friday June 23rd** - End of Term  
2. 2:15pm finish

### **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**

# PUPIL FREE DAY



**YMCA Outside School Hours Care** is running a full day service for **Lightning Reef Primary School** upcoming pupil free day.

Children will enjoy a range of engaging activities and have the opportunity to socialise with peers from all year levels.

**Date:** 22/ 5/2023

**Time:** 7:00am – 6:00pm

**Location:** Lightning Reef Primary School - Gym

**Session fee:** \$90.90

**Fee after MAX CCS\*:** \$18.18

\*Subject to number of bookings.

**Activity highlights:** Christmas crafts, baking, outdoor games and lots more!

\*MAX CSS is the out of pocket fee paid by families who qualify for the maximum Child Care Subsidy percentage (85%). The fee above is calculated at 80% subsidy to allow for the 5% withheld by Services Australia to reduce the chances of an overpayment.



**Scan the QR code** to access enrolment and booking instructions.

