

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and friends,

Reports from the 3/4 Campers are that everyone is having a wonderful time at Corop. The kids are all participating in each activity and showing great persistence as they challenge themselves as archery, rock climbing and canoeing. Apparently the food is delicious, activities well-designed and kids were worn out the first night, with Mr Keller reporting students tucked up, asleep by 10 pm. Mr West is enjoying sleeping through the night, with two young children at home! Mrs Drum and Mrs Parsons will put a full report in next week's newsletter.

At the risk of repeating myself, we are so fortunate that we have staff willing to attend camp in their own time to support our students. Thankyou sincerely to Mrs Drum, Mrs Parsons, Mr Keller, Mr West and Mitchell, the student teacher, for taking time away from their lives to support our kids!

PROMOTING OUR SCHOOL

We have found that the best way to promote our school to new families is through you, our parents. If you know anyone moving into our area, has a child attending your child's pre-school or who has a Prep child for next year and has not chosen a school, talk to them about our school and please invite them to attend the information session. Perhaps you could come with them to help them feel more comfortable. Remember that you, our parents, are the best salespeople for our school.

FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS 2024

Thank you to parents who have let us know their child will be starting Foundation (Prep) next year. We encourage families to contact the school if they have a child starting school in 2024. As we move into the month of June we start to really focus on staffing, grade structures and the allocation of resources for next year.

In managing new enrolments, the school is required to adhere to state-wide enrolment placement policy and processes, whereby eligible students have a right to be placed in their designated neighbourhood school.

The designated neighbourhood school is defined as the school that is nearest to the student's permanent residential address, measured in a straight line from the residence. Details can be found at www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au

Students living outside the designated neighbourhood may still apply to enrol, with places to be allocated in the following order:

1. Students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school.
2. Students with a sibling at the same permanent address who are attending the school at the same time.
3. All other students in order of closeness of their home to the school.

New families who wish to know more are welcome to contact the office and I will call them to make a time to take them through our wonderful school!

REMINDER THAT MONDAY IS A STUDENT-FREE DAY. Teachers are having one of their two Professional Practice Days as a Reporting and Assessment Day.

ALSO, **MONDAY 29th MAY is our Semester One Student-led Conference Day** between 10 am & 6 pm.

All students will be scheduled a time to attend with their families.

Students will share with their families their Term 1 goals, accomplishments and work before families, teachers and students prepare our next set of goals. Come ready with your ideas.

Students will bring home their interview times confirmation on Tuesday, so keep an eye out for the note.

HEADS UP- PRIME ENERGY DRINK

We want to make families aware of a new Energy Drink that has become quite popular amongst young people recently. I have included a couple of photos of the bottle and the age warning which is on the bottle itself. The label states it is for people 15 years above.

Apparently it is the product of a popular YouTuber, well known by many young people.

Local primary schools have reported they had a

few of the bottles creep into their schools. Staff will be keeping an eye out and will contact families if they do show up. If you are aware of your child having one of these bottles, please ensure they are not bringing them to school.



ONLINE ACTIVITIES:

The information below about the Tik Tok app comes from the link I provided last week. If parents are looking for strategies, tips and guidance this seems to be a good place to start. <https://www.common sense media.org/>

What age is TikTok recommended for? Recommended age group for the Tik Tok app is 15+ mainly due to the privacy issues and mature content. TikTok requires that users be at least **13 years old** to use the basic TikTok features, although there is a way for younger kids to access the app. It would be important for families to be aware of this app and what it does. Check in with your child/ren about what type of apps they have downloaded on their devices. Children can be very good with technology and can sometimes download and have access to apps without the knowledge of their families.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jo Ryan

Acting 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

ATTENDANCE

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but.....

When your child misses just....	That equals...	Which is...	So from prep – year 12 that's...	That's equal to...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years of school	Finishing year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years of school	Finishing year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Finishing year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Finishing year 4

How many days has your child missed this year and what impact is that having on their learning?

Remember...

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Give your child every chance to succeed!

Room 4 News

The amazing students in Room 4 have been working super hard with their SMART spelling this semester.

Every week students practice a new sentence and make a special picture about each sentence.

These are the sentences we have covered already this year!

The cat sat on the mat.

That ant had a hat.

It is in the big tin.

This tap is on and that tap is off.

The sun was up, but it was not hot.

I went to get a net.

This bit of my leg is bent.

They are in bed.

We can play with my dog.

He will just have jam.



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Let's Just Do It!

Let's Just Do It Award		
Room	Name	Reason
4	Eh Pla Ku	For always being willing to help translate for his peers.
5	Emilia	For showing persistence with her writing and having a go.
7	Blake	For showing persistence and trialing new strategies when faced with challenging tasks
8	Ma San Win	For persevering with all tasks and showing great persistence.
2		
3		
9	Aung Myit Thein	consistently demonstrating respect in all areas of the school
10	Jaxon	for being ready to learn
Art	Charlotte	For putting in 100% into every art piece she produces.
PE	Jemma	Participating positively within the Soccer unit in PE.
Music/Drama	Emily T.	Showing persistence when learning how to use the keyboard.
LOTE	Jaycee-Mae	Showing confidence when participating in Karen discussions.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Lightning Learner

Lightning Learner Award		
Room	Name	Reason
4	Kwae Doh	For always taking care with his handwriting.
5	Seth	For recording sounds and words when writing and leaving spaces between words.
7	Euphemia	For showing all the ways to partition 16 in her maths
8	Htee Moo	For re reading her writing to make sure it makes sense.
2		
3		
9	Aye Moo Kyi	asking clarifying questions to ensure she understands the task.
10	Xamantha	working hard to edit and revise her writing
Art	Eh Paw Khee	For using many elements of art when creating her Mother's Day artwork.
PE	Anna	demonstrating great Soccer skills in PE.
Music/Drama	Sher Mu	For keeping excellent time on the djembe in a group song.
LOTE	Dee Sai Htoo	For creatively using Karen words in a role play.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS



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 29th 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 Mia H, Summer C and Emily T.

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:

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.





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.

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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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