

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends

Welcome back to what has started out as an extremely cold Term Three. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday with family and friends, and you were able to do some exciting things.

We welcome Ms Hasty back for two days a week this term. She will teach the Art program this term and Mr West will take over the PE Program from Ms B, as she is now working fulltime in Room 9. Tim has had a week off, but luckily for us we get to have Mrs Caelli back in the Prep room, which we all enjoy!

## CELEBRATION

Mr. Millar has recently been recognised for 40 years service to Victorian education. A ceremony was held in Melbourne to celebrate teachers with 40, 45, 50 and 55 years service.

Mr. Millar's first teaching job was in 1979, driving a mobile library van to country schools around Kerang. Most of the schools were one teacher schools that have long since been closed. From there he moved to a one teacher school of his own: Appin South.

After five years at Ivanhoe East in Melbourne, Mr. Millar moved to Bendigo and in 1987 arrived at Comet Hill to teach a Year Five class. Thirsty seven years later he's still here, having spent almost twenty of those years teaching Prep classes. It is many years since he first came across a student whose mum or dad he had taught. We would be lost without him! Congratulations Mr Millar on achieving this amazing milestone!

Current students whose parents were at Comet Hill during these past thirsty seven years are Jaxson and Caleb Clayton, Annaka and Seth Johnson, Matthew Poole, Tanara McMurtrie and Tahlia Grant.

For the past few years Mr. Millar has been working part time in Reading Recovery and the Maths intervention program known as EMU (Extending Mathematical Understanding ).

He also is the go-to man for many jobs we have- whether it be trimming the garden beds, managing the notice-board, being a delivery man and organises the troops to put out and bring in the rubbish bins.

We don't know what we would do without Mr Millar here, and are grateful he chose to stay with us at the same school for such an extended period.

CONGRATULATIONS MR MILLAR!

## STUDENT FREE DAYS THIS TERM-

Friday August 4- CURRICULUM DAY- Teachers will be focusing on two main areas for the day- making adjustments and UR Strong (Wellbeing)

Monday 14 August- Student Led Conferences (Students to attend meeting with parents)

These days are published on COMPASS.



## UPCOMING CHANGES TO NAPLAN

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

As ever, you're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.

### OFFICIAL FAREWELL TO JENNIE!

Earlier this week I accepted Jennie Williams resignation from her ES position.

Jennie is a long standing ES at our school who started working at Bendigo North PS many moons ago.

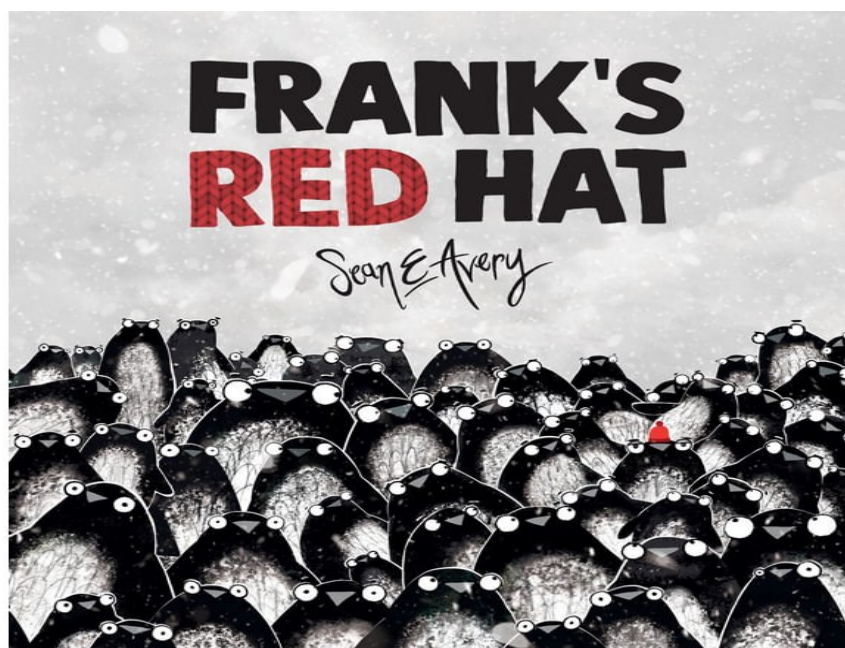
Fortunately for us, Jennie will continue volunteering for us, managing our Library, as she has done over the last few years. I'm sure she will still check up on the chooks and be happy to see the kids on the occasions she can attend during school hours.

Congratulations on your official retirement from the education system and thank you for all you have done for our school community.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jo Ryan,  
Principal :)





Meerkat Productions will be performing 'Frank's Red Hat' at Lightning Reef Primary School on Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 in the gym. This is a live performance based on the Children's Book Council Awards short listed picture book of the same title. This links in beautifully with literacy, the performing arts and Book Week in week 7 of this term.

This will be a wonderful experience for students to see a live, engaging performance with opportunities to ask the actors questions at the end.

*Roxanne Tonzing (Performing Arts Specialist)*

# Bullying

Our staff and students have been working doing some work on bullying: what it is and what to do about it.

The team at 'Backflips Against Bullying' have been helping us understand this further with lots of role playing and high energy shows. The team were back in today with a fun display of what is bullying, what does it look like and what we can do when we see it. They have also given us some great resources for our students.

Below is our school's definition of bullying. It would be great if you could read through this with your child/children and talk about what each type of bullying can look like and how it might make someone feel.

## **Bullying**

Bullying is deliberate and repeated problem behaviours intended to hurt others.

Bullying can be in person or online and cause:

verbal harm

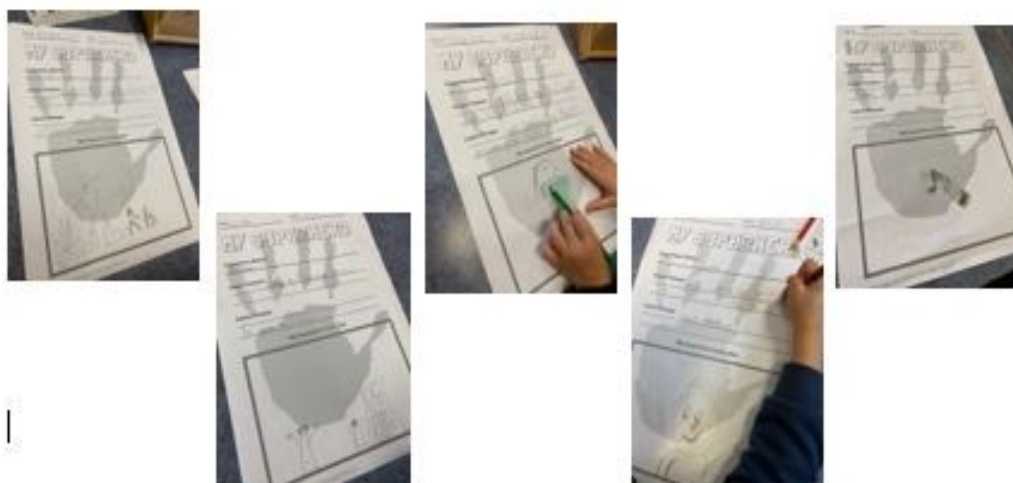
physical harm

social harm

emotional harm

# Room 7

Room 7 would like to welcome everyone back to Term 3! This week has been wellbeing week and we have been looking at being superheros and putting a stop to bullying. We looked at what makes a good superhero and what they do that make them a superhero, we discussed how a superhero could help us to prevent bullying and we even designed our own anti-bullying superhero! We played team building activities and games with room 8 that helped us to challenge our thinking on bullying and how it can happen in many different places, as well as how we can do something to try to stop it, being anti-bullying superheroes ourselves!



In room 7 this week we have also been learning about multiplication in Maths. We have been practicing skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s.



# ASSEMBLY AWARDS

## Let's Just Do It!

Let's Just Do It Award		
Room	Name	Reason
4		
5	Mia	For trying her best in the classroom.
7	Savannah	For being a kind and caring member of our classroom.
8		
2	Ember	Always coming to school ready to learn and tackle new challenges.
3	Ricky	being kind to others
9	Ehlasu	for always being kind by helping others with a smile on her face.
10	Matilda	for always including others both in and out of the classroom.
Art		
PE	No PE Awards in Week 1	
Music/Drama	Lan Pong Sue	For demonstrating confidence when using body language in Drama games.
LOTE	Harrison	For showing persistence when learning new Karen words.

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## Lightning Learner

Lightning Learner Award		
Room	Name	Reason
4		
5	Kayleigh	For using spaces between her words and reading back so it makes sense during writing.
7	Jonty	For his excellent organisation of his information report 'All about me'.
8		
2	Tyreece	Always contributing his thoughts and ideas in class discussions.
3	Mia	trying hard with her handwriting
9	Scott	demonstrating great understanding of a procedure text
10	Declan	for working hard to write a procedure
Art		
PE	No PE Awards in Week 1	
Music/Drama	Matilda S (Room 3)	For adding interesting mime to a skit.
LOTE	Jayden Wallace	For instantly recalling and translating Karen animal names to English.

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# Backflips Against Bullying



**Happy Birthday to Ruby G,  
Marlie D, Anna K S, Jayden  
W, Jake T, Johnatha S,  
Charmaine A, Selene C-M,  
Kwar Lae Lae, Jonty W, Ro  
May H , Tak K, Athena N-B  
and Ricky B.**

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



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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**



### **Calendar of events:**

#### **Monday July 24th -**

Meerkat productions  
incursion

#### **Friday August 4th -**

Curriculum Day - no school

#### **Monday August 14th -**

Student Led conferences

#### **Friday August 18th-**

National day of action  
against bullying

#### **Friday September 15th -**

End of Term 3

### **Lost property**

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





**JUNIOR  
REGISTRATION NIGHT**  
**WEDNESDAY JULY 19 | 6:15 - 8:30PM**  
**140 VICTORIA STREET, EAGLEHAWK**  
**PH: 0499 731 811      E: BENDIGOBADDY17@GMAIL.COM**



### **Athlete Development Program- OPEN NIGHT 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

We would like to invite all current, prospective students and families to the ADP Open Night.

The intention of the event is to provide an informal opportunity for families to see the facilities at Bendigo South East College and chat to staff.

Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Venue: 56 Ellis Street, Flora Hill (the ADP Building is located in the centre of the school)

For more information, please visit the website <https://www.adp.vic.edu.au/>

### **2024 Applications Open Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**



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