



BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 17th February 2021

Update for return to school:

Good news! **All students will return to on-site learning, TOMORROW – Thursday 18th February.** The same COVID safe processes will remain, as per our return to school for 2021: the fast lane drop off if needed, parents are able to walk with their children to classroom door (not inside buildings though re: density limits please!) and masks must be worn outside and inside if social distancing cannot be adhered to. **Thanks everyone for helping make this possible!**

Please remember that **face masks are required for all visitors to school sites**, when indoors.

Please help and remind each other of this important update!

This week at BVSPS:

Wow– how quickly things can change. Thanks to everyone for their support with the ‘circuit breaker’ lockdown and the successful transition to remote and flexible learning. *We are conscious that for many of our Foundation families it is the first time you have worked this way (with a school based programme), well done!* We will continue to use email as the method for all school communication. Please check for messages from your class teacher via email. The school Facebook page will show additional updates as needed also.

Parent Information session with Wilson McCaskill:

We had 22 families represented last Thursday evening, again a great effort! Wilson (and his wife Julie) have a long association with Violet St PS and we enjoy revising our knowledge about the *Play Is the Way* programme. Wilson spoke of the immense importance of developing social competencies in our children. He reminded us of the need (particularly in these changing times) to work in partnership to develop self awareness, self management, social awareness and social management in our students. If you could not attend the session, please visit his website: www.playistheway.com.au

Teachers developing their knowledge too:

Last Friday, as a staff, we were fortunate enough to spend time with Wilson McCaskill too. He led us through many of his social competency games and challenged us to ‘stretch’ our thinking and continue to use reflective language to support the social and emotional development of our children.

School Captains and Student Leadership Council (SLC) elections:

Student agency and student voice is important at BVSPS. Last Thursday the student candidates in Grades 4, 5 & 6 presented speeches to their peers, prior to the elections being conducted. They showed bravery and thoughtful preparation of their speeches. The process for voting was modelled on our federal voting system—with ballot cards, voting booths and scrutineers too! The results will be available in next week’s newsletter.

Before School Clubs will continue— please see the calendar section. **All before school activities commence at 8 am and finish at 8:30am**—when students may then go and play in the top playground until the music starts. The classroom contributing to the newsletter this week is **Foundation Quarrier**— enjoy!
*Our **Fresh Food** distribution/sharing will operate it every 2– 3 weeks. The next distribution day will be **Friday 26th February**. Students will be bringing home some produce grown in our garden and other food items for families to enjoy or share with family, neighbours or friends.

Mandy Costello Principal

Amanda.Costello@education.vic.gov.au

Be Your Best!

Sharon.Frappell@education.vic.gov.au



Calendar of Events

Regular Events

Camp Aust OSHC

Every day, Monday to Friday

3- 6pm

Library Club

Every Monday, 8am- 8:30am

Yoga

Every Tuesday in the M.P.Room, 8am- 8:30am

Email Robyn Matthews for bookings:

robbybobby77@hotmail.com

Brekky Club

Wednesdays—8am- 8:35am

Cheese toasties and milo in the courtyard.

Students only please.

Fun Fit Thursday

Meet at Garden Gully at 8am.

Assembly

Fridays—8:45-9:15am

Students and staff only at this time.

Special Events

Wednesday 24th February

Lunch Orders begin today.

Friday 26th February

Clean Up Australia Day

Fresh Food Friday

Monday 1st March—Wednesday 3rd March

Grade 5/6 Camp to Angahook

Thursday 4th March

School Photos

Monday 8th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 10th March

Foundation students at school full time now.

Friday 19th March

F-6 Athletics Day

Thursday 1st April

Last day of Term 1

Monday 19th April

First day of Term 2

Pre-loved Uniforms!



Louise Rodriguez is available to assist with selection on **Fridays from 2– 3 pm.**
Please email Louise to make an appointment: Louise.Rodriguez@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you!

All donations of pre- loved items welcome!

Wilson Corner

Wilson Parent Night and Staff Professional Development



On Thursday evening we had 23 parents join Wilson McCaskill to play some games and discuss the philosophy of 'Play is the Way'. The feedback was great and gave everyone cause for thought. If any parents would like more information, we do have some copies of Wilson's book 'Children aren't made of China' in the office to borrow.

On Friday the staff headed to the Mechanics Institute Hall in California Gully for our Wilson P.D. Most of the staff have done P.D with Wilson before, but it was great to refresh our understanding and practise some of the games. The day was about us experiencing what we ask our students to. Being put under pressure, stepping outside our comfort zones, trusting each other, making strong decisions to achieve goals and having a lot of fun along the way.

We played a range of rhythm games, ball games, blindfold and balloon games whilst discussing some of the key tenants of Wilson's philosophy. Of specific note for the times we're in now, is that resilience isn't something which can be learnt in isolation. We must face challenges and failures if we are to learn how to deal with them. If we are protected from all of life's challenges we'll never develop the necessary skills to be able to handle those inevitable failures when the come.



For more information, please visit: <https://playistheway.com.au/>

Our school values: Integrity, Respect, Honesty and Inclusion. We are a Child Safe school.

PRE-PAY ENVELOPE

Thursday March 4th

More products and options available - Order Online!
www.msp.com.au

INSTRUCTIONS

- Photo envelopes will be sent home with your child/children this week.
- Please take care not to lose the envelope as it has your family unique code on it.
- **DO NOT** return the envelope to school prior to photo day.
- Send your children with their envelope on photo day only.
- If paying in cash, please place correct amount only, the photographers will not have change.

Value Pack

Popular Choice



See Overleaf →



3x 5" x 7"



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3x 3.5" x 2.5"



4x 1.7" x 1.2"



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Premium Pack



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1x 5" x 7" Black and White Portrait



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Classic Pack

Best Value for Money



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Gift Pack*

All 12 items

*Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.



3 x Photo Bookmarks 8" x 2"



3x 2" x 1.4"



1 x Door Hanger 10" x 4"



1 x Photo Calendar 5" x 7"



4 x Photo Gift Tags 3.4" x 2.5"

Group Only



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CAPTURING SCHOOL MOMENTS

What's been happening in Mrs Q's room...

Buddies

We have been meeting with our buddies each week to spend quality time together. We have read books, visited the library and gone onto-Reading Eggs together. We are still getting to know each other but look forward to every Thursday afternoon.





Specialist Corner



It is great to be back at BVSPS!

I have really enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces but it has been equally exciting to meet so many new faces!

Physical Education Classes

All students have been focusing on the PE Establishment Program which comprises of safety, setting class expectations/rules for the year and focusing on teamwork. We have been playing a number of different games aimed to develop skills such as cooperation, sportsmanship and working as a team.

***Fun, Fit THURSDAY** is back up and running starting with a walk to school from Garden Gully Recreation Reserve at 8am. Last week we had 12 students joining Mrs Costello and Mrs Kirkpatrick on the walk before participating in games run by me once at school. All welcome!*

***BVSPS Athletics Carnival** will take place at the **Bendigo Athletics Track on Friday 19th March**. All students will be involved in participating in running, jumping and throwing events. We would love some parent helpers so please email me if you can assist on the day.*

***Ride2School day** is also on Friday 19th March. I encourage all students to ride, scoot or walk to school!*



**RIDE2
SCHOOL**

***School Sport Victoria** will be holding trials for their Team Vic teams. Please head to the website for more information on the different sports and trial days www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic*



Have a great week,

Mrs Grant

Emma.Grant@education.vic.gov.au

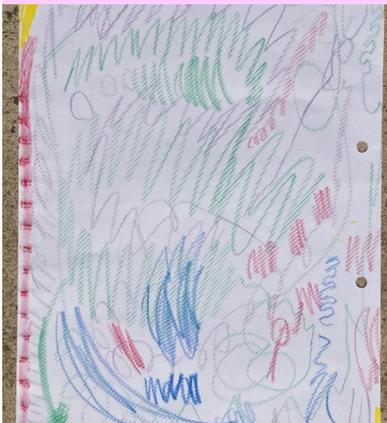
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Music

Grade 1/2 listened to Vaughan Williams' *Lark Ascending* and drew what they heard...



Grade 3/4 listened to Ravel's *Bolero* and drew/wrote about what they heard...



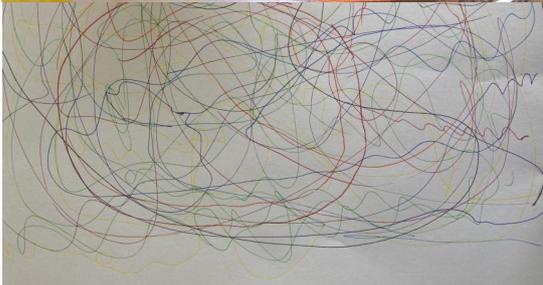
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red
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black

Shapes and lines
waves - look round
music
- melody

story - picture
marching band walking down the orchestra



Grade 5/6 chose one of their own favourite songs and then showed why it's important to them...



My favourite song
Im Blue
Eiffel 65

Upbeat spectacular musical
Fun deep interesting

BLUE



Little Birds Sing

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCugXN611qybeVE0bxrwhcBg>

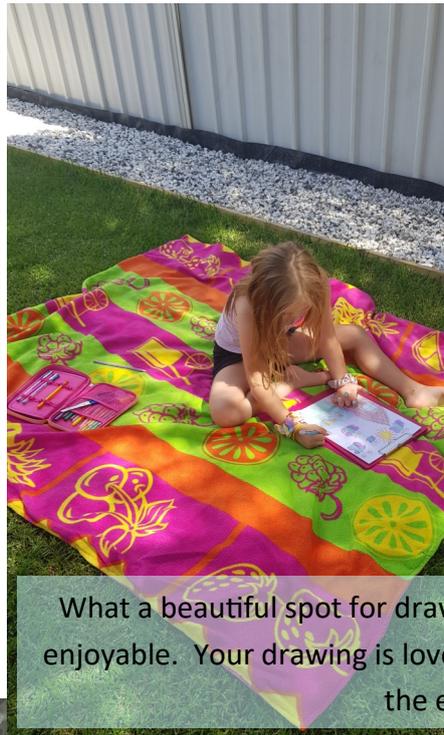
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Art

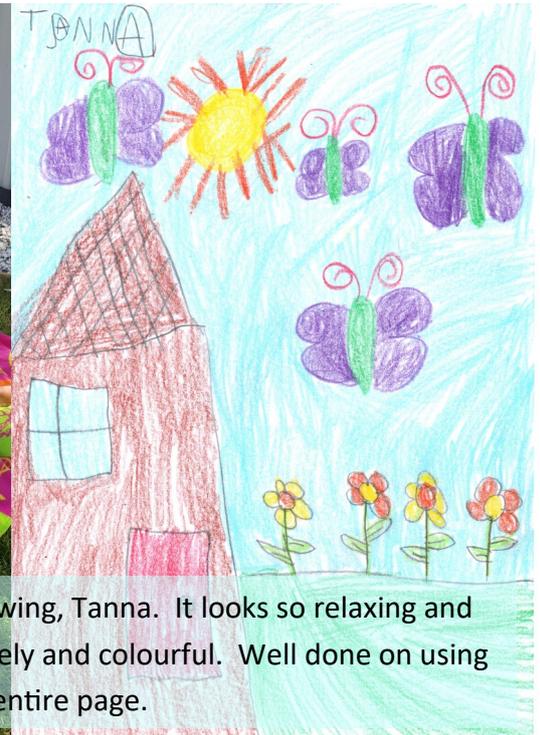
WOW! My email has been flooded with emails with amazing photos attached of the drawings you have been doing at home! I am loving seeing how creative you are with your subject matter, and it's lovely to see photos of you drawing outside and enjoying some time in the fresh air and sunshine. On this page and the next are some of the photos that were emailed to me over the past couple of days...



Finn in Grade 6 has drawn a stunning tree with wonderful shading.



What a beautiful spot for drawing, Tanna. It looks so relaxing and enjoyable. Your drawing is lovely and colourful. Well done on using the entire page.

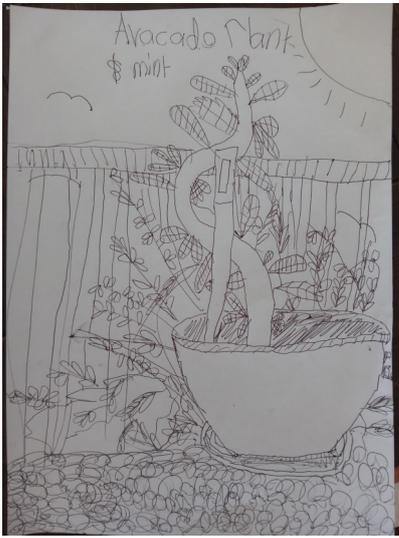


Rafferty was very brave and had a go at drawing this amazing tree in his backyard. Drawing isn't his favourite artistic activity, but he tried his best, and that's all we ask of everyone in the art room.

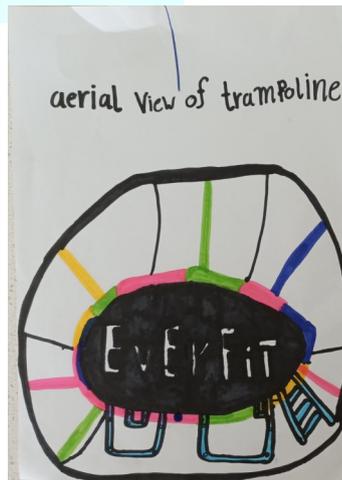
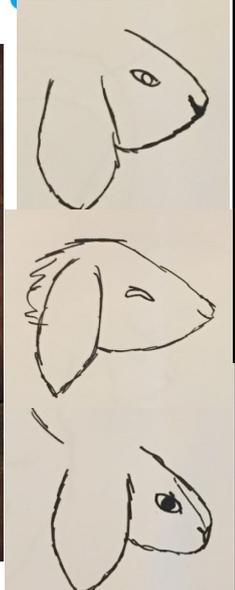


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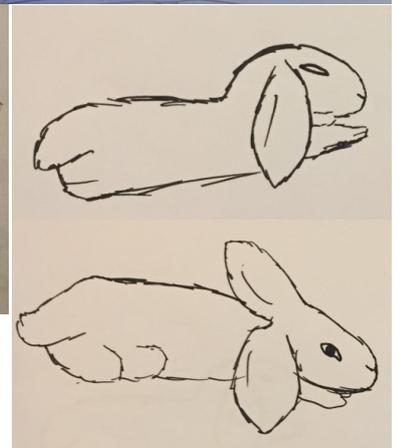
Art



Sisters, Hadley (Grade 4) and Annie (Foundation) drew things growing in their garden. Hadley drew an avocado plant and mint that she has grown herself from the seeds she planted. Annie drew the tomatoes she also planted from seeds. How wonderful to have cared for these plants and watched them grow and now they have drawn them. Well done, girls. I can't wait to see Luelle's when she has finished.



Here are some different ideas! Bella (Grade 2) has drawn an outdoor light at her home, rather than a plant or tree. Big sister, Ava (Grade 4), has chosen to do some leaf rubbings. Great ideas, girls! Very creative.



Olive (Grade 5) drew a series of sketches of her bunny, Bartholemew. Gorgeous drawings, Olive! Well done on persisting with it.



Remote Learning in Term 1, 2021

Jed and Dad ready to start remote learning for the third (and hopefully final!) time.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

Please contact Sharon for further information on:
5443 6411 or 0418 892 486

sharon.frappell@education.vic.gov.au

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

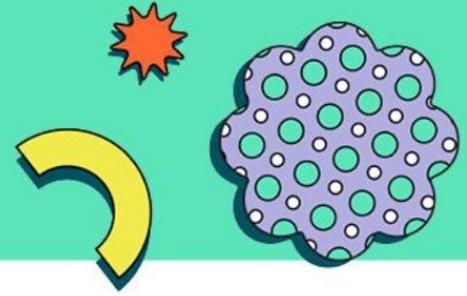
You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



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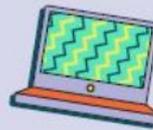


Hi Bendigo Violet Street families. Unfortunately, we are now going through another lock down and are back to learning from home hopefully for only a small amount of time. We are still open for those children who are needing to be in the care of the teachers on school grounds.

Kind regards,

Kaitlin (coordinator)

Virtual information sessions



Early session
Tue. 16th Feb, 2021

9.30am (AWST)
11.00am (ACST)
11.30am (AEST)
12.00pm (ACDT)
12.30pm (AEDT)

Register

Late session
Thu. 18th Feb, 2021

5.00pm (AWST)
6.30pm (ACST)
7.00pm (AEST)
7.30pm (ACDT)
8.00pm (AEDT)

Register

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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