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Teaching and Learning programmes back on—site:

It has been pleasing to visit classrooms and observe everyone engaged and settled back into their routines. Our teachers have worked hard to prepare for this transition back and I also thank our families for their support with this too. Many students have enjoyed re-uniting with friends. It has been lovely to observe the way our senior students encourage and support our younger students in the mornings on their way to class.

Playgrounds open again:

I have always felt proud of the way our local community respects and values our school environment. During the COVID restrictions our school playground was closed, but it is now open for our families to access out of hours too. We sanitise the equipment every morning before school and invite all families using it after hours to use the available soap at the hand basins, to practice hand hygiene too.

Fast drop off and collection:

The 5 'fast lane' parking bays out the front of the school are working well. However there has been some congestion happening at the corner of Old Violet and Nettle St. In the interest of everyone's safety (and to ease congestion) we ask that you wait in the designated parking bays horizontal to the garden retaining wall in Old Violet St—where you will be directed forward as the traffic eases. ** Please remember, your children are not to load or unload if your car is not in a designated parking bay. ***Your child's safety is our shared responsibility!***

Mid year reports:

Teachers are almost finished mid year reports on student achievement. They will be providing comments about student progress during the remote learning period also. Paper copies of student reports will be sent home on Thursday 25th June.

Using 'Sentral' as our student management system:

AT BVSPS, we use an electronic management system (platform) at school (called 'Sentral'). It is used for the storage of information and student data. We have now set up this platform for parents to access the 'parent portal' for absence reporting commencing Term 3. A letter accompanies this newsletter with instructions for parents and an access code for every student. **Each student has their individual identifier code. Please keep this information handy for your use when needed, reporting absences.

New uniform supplier and stock arriving soon:

We have secured a new uniform supplier— **Noones Imagewear**. They are situated at 21 Queen St Bendigo and open 5 days a week. They are currently securing new supplies and hope to have stock available by the end of this term. Please watch our school's Face Book page or your email for updates!

Mandy Costello **Principal** **Be Your Best!**



Calendar of Events

Regular Events

Camp Australia OSHC

Every day, Monday to Friday

3- 6pm

Library Club

Cancelled until further notice.

YOGA

Cancelled until further notice.

Brekky Club

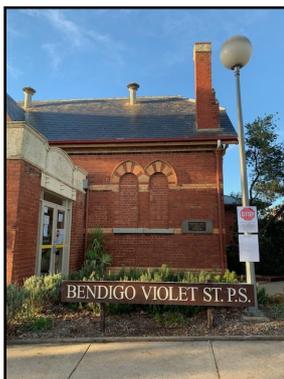
Cancelled until further notice.

FUN FIT FRIDAY

Cancelled until further notice.

ASSEMBLY

Cancelled until further notice.



Special Events

Thursday 25th June

Report cards go home.

Friday 26th June

Last day of Term 2! 2pm finish.

Sunday 5th July

NAIDOC Week begins.

Sunday 12th July

NAIDOC Week ends.

Monday 13th July

First day for Term 3.

Pre-loved Uniforms!



Pre-loved uniforms are currently available by appointment only. **Please call the office to set up a time to come and view the items we have available.** If you have been having a clean out, we welcome any donations of pre-loved items. Please wash any items you have to donate and store in a plastic bag to drop off with a staff member when you are dropping your child to school. Thank you!



Wilson Corner

Why the PLAY IS THE WAY® methodology for teaching social and emotional skills is so important.



As parents we are all concerned about the wellbeing of our own children and hopefully that of other children as well. Wellbeing is often thought of as happiness but it is more than that. We need to feel worthwhile, with lives that are fulfilling and meaningful.

We need the skills to create close personal connections and a network of strong relationships that give us a sense of belonging. We need the skills of emotional intelligence and social competency if we are to really feel like “WELL-BEINGS.”

Australia, despite its wealth and high standard of living, has alarming levels of childhood depression, self-harm and suicide. Our so called “good life” has not protected us from this sad fact. Evidence proves that children with strong pro-social behaviour tend to lead more positive lives, have more meaningful relationships, enjoy better physical and mental health and do better at school.

In the light of such evidence, many schools are making a commitment to the sustained and thorough development of pro-social behaviour.

School though, is not the only place where children learn. Even with five hours a day, for five days a week, for four terms a year children still do most of their “learning for life” outside school. In fact, most of their character shaping comes from family influences.

What they learn within the family allows them to apply it outside the family. Hopefully, what they have learnt allows them to conform to the demands and expectations of community standards in behaviour and to the requirements of everyday school life and learning.

Everyone in a school community has a role to play in helping children become independent, mature, socially competent, emotionally intelligent and successful human beings.

The first step for us all is to be the best role models we can be. It is said, and we believe it to be true, that children need models more than they need critics. With that in mind, let us accept our role as the adults in their midst and offer them the commitment, care, firm guidance and help they need to acquire the skills that lead to meaningful and fulfilled lives.

Wilson McCaskill.

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



Maths



1/2 Douglas Room 8



During our Numeracy block each day, we have been looking at the skills required to share equally. Miss Douglas had lots of egg cartons that were perfect to use as groups and we used the 'magic stones' to share equally between the groups. We began with 10 'magic stones' and some of us were confident to have a go with 20. Hayden and Finn went above and beyond and worked 50! We used language such as 'one for you, one for me' to ensure each group had an equal amount of 'magic stones' in them. We are still practising this skill but we are getting better each day!

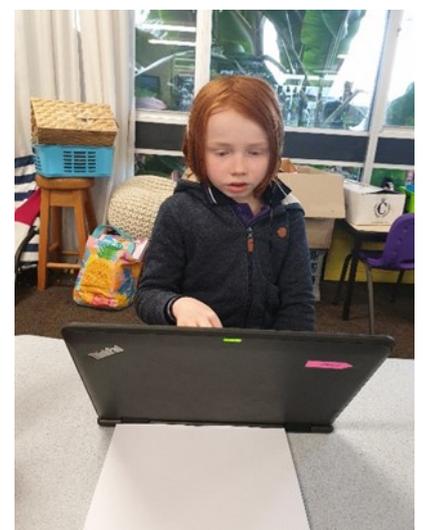
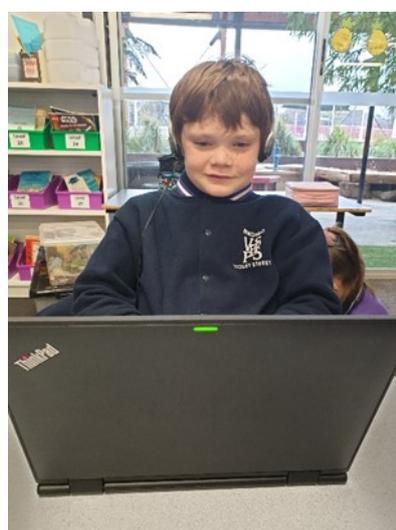
Remember you can access Mathletics at home at www.mathletics.com.au and Mathseeds at <https://mathseeds.com>

Literacy



1/2 Douglas Room 8

We have been putting our creative minds to work during writing time and exploring the elements of Narratives. Each day, we looked at a different part of a Narrative, such as the introduction or orientation, the problem, the solution and the ending. After writing our Narratives, we used our checklists to edit them and make our stories our best work. This week we have begun typing them up so we can make them into picture story books. Keep your eyes peeled for our creations!



Remember you can access Reading Eggs at home at www.readingeggs.com

Gardening



This is a call out for parents to drop off any small unwanted plant pots they may have accumulated at home. They will be used to grow seedlings to give away to the parents and surrounding community as part of the Healthy Heart of Bendigo project.

Last week Grade 3/4 learnt how to pot up spinach and celery seedlings and were very careful with the tiny plants.

Jake learned how to fix leaks in our irrigation system.



Kim C and volunteers have planted over 100 seedlings in the grassland area facing Old Violet street.



Newsletter



Newsletter production:

A reminder, following feedback about the enhanced quality of photos and extended items in our weekly newsletter, we will no longer be providing paper copies of the newsletter to families. We continue to prioritise electronic communication as our primary source of contact.

Need to re-stock the pantry?

Save the date, the next **FREE FRESH FOOD FRIDAY**, on **Friday 26th June** (last day of Term 2!) between 1:30 – 2 pm outside the Canteen!!

Fresh
Food
Friday



REMINDER—Lunch orders are NOT available until Term 3.

Important feedback needed via a survey:



In partnership with the Department of Education and Training, we are seeking feedback from our students and families about your teaching and learning experiences during the recent COVID 19 Remote Learning period.