



# BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 17th March 2021

## **Saving our resources:**

Last Friday, the SLC presented an excellent Power Point at assembly. It was a summary of their investigation into the amount of lunch wrappers bought to school in lunch boxes. Their findings were quite surprising! It certainly gave us lots to discuss and follow up across the school. All students at BVSPS are encouraged to bring 'rubbish free' lunches. Any wrappers on food bought to school, will be sent home for recycling and disposal please. Ms Leversha is currently organising a representative from the CoGB to visit and clarify the items that can be placed in our council bins also. We continue to try to minimise our rubbish and maximise our recycling at school!

The classroom contributing to the newsletter this week is Grade 3&4 Kennedy and an Art report from Ms Leversha.

**Our Athletic Sports are being held at the Flora Hill Athletics complex THIS Friday 19th March. Please join us if you can, even for part of the day. It's always great to have lots of supporters for the events. Thanks to Mrs Grant for all her organisation for the day too.**

## **Fundraising for 2021:**

Our current Bulb fundraiser has raised \$272, with 2.5 weeks to go! We intend to purchase new mats and furniture for the Library. Please make sure your orders are completed online by Thursday 1st April! Thanks again to Bec Rowles for co-ordinating this.

\* We are not holding our traditional Easter raffle this year– we will focus our efforts on Mothers day and Father Day activities instead.

## **School Council elections:**

Congratulations to the following new (and returning ) School Council members:

Parent representatives: Brooke Bennett, Michelle Baker, Kristian Van Maanen , Stacey Bennett and Bec Rowles.

DET representatives: Di Kennedy, Kim Kirkpatrick and Sara Hill.

Thank you for your commitment to our school. Our School Council AGM (and change over meeting ) will be held on Tuesday 27th April at 6:30pm. Please feel free to join us if you wish.

## **Save the date: Violet St Fathers Project– launch event on Monday 29th March at 6– 7:30pm!**

This is a new initiative across Bendigo and is being supported by the CoGB. We are fortunate to have Rodney Eade attend our launch evening too!! The focus of this project is to connect our fathers and Father figures in our BVSPS community. The launch evening will include both fathers and their children, being treated to a free BBQ at school. There will also be the opportunity to meet other fathers, hear about some great resources and listen to Rodney's experiences too. Please RSVP via the attached flyer to help with catering!

**Mandy Costello Principal**

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**Be Your Best!**

[Sharon.Frappell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto: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](mailto: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

No assembly this week due to Athletics Day.

## Special Events

### Friday 19th March

F-6 Athletics Day at Flora Hill.

Families welcome to attend!

**Wear your house colour**

### Sunday 21st March

Harmony Day

### Thursday 1st April

Last day of Term 1, 2pm finish.

### Monday 19th April

First day of Term 2

**\*\*Please remember:**

*attendance counts EVERY day at school!* If your child is absent from school, parents are required to contact the school to provide a reason for the absence. Our school wide attendance goal is a minimum of **85% attendance!**

# Pre-loved Uniforms!



Louise Rodriquez is available to assist with selection on **Fridays from 2– 3 pm.**  
Please email Louise to make an appointment: [Louise.Rodriquez@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Louise.Rodriquez@education.vic.gov.au)

Thank you!

*All donations of pre-loved items welcome!*

# Maths

## 3/4 Kennedy Room 2



### Large Numbers

In grade 3 / 4 Kennedy the students have been learning to read, write, order and represent larger numbers.

In this activity the students had to make 4 and 5 digit numbers and order them from smallest to largest.



Calculators are a fun way to learn about numbers and place value. Why not grab one and have a go.



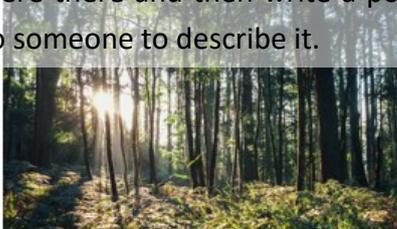
Remember you can access Mathletics at home at [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au) and Mathseeds at <https://mathseeds.com>

# Literacy

## 3/4 Kennedy Room 2



We have been learning how to write more descriptively. In this activity the students chose a photo/picture of a place they have visited or would like to visit. They had to imagine that they were there and then write a postcard to someone to describe it.



Dear Grandma  
I was at mount Macedon, the gushing breeze was wonderful. The lush green trees rustled in the sky. The mushrooms were glistening and the sunshine glimmered on the stones.  
There were armies of ants carrying leaves along the moist and soft ground.  
It was truly magnificent  
Love from Finn



Ms Pickles  
46 High Street  
Bendigo  
Victoria

Dear Mum,  
The Blue Mountains is an admirable place to be!  
The snow here is perfect for creating igloos. Every lake was frozen solid so we went ice-skating, but dad did not skate that gracefully. Every tree was covered in thin-coated ice that was shimmering in the sun. The hot chocolate is delicious, I love how milky it is and the cocoa makes it taste so delectable! I love the sunset here, it is so beautiful and spectacular. As the warmth of the sun fades away, the moon slowly rises into the sparkling sky! See you soon mum!  
Sincerely Grace



Samantha Humble  
Bendigo Australia  
Bendigo hotel

Dear Dad,  
Jade Mountain is out of this world. Dragons flying in the freezing winds, had better keep my distance. Its lush greens over lapping each other.  
The smell of grass fills my nose, the rocky cliff sides and spiny thorns are easy to spot among this paradise.  
Many birds fill the sky making it a festival. Caves scatter the edges, like dark, deep dangers waiting to gobble you up.  
Wish you were here.  
Hadley.



Mr Blue  
91 Cobble St  
USA

Remember you can access Reading Eggs at home at [www.readingeggs.com](http://www.readingeggs.com)



# Specialist Corner

# Art

“Oooh look at this colour! It’s amazing!”



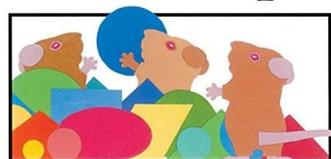
## Foundation Q

Hearing the Foundation children’s exclamations of delight as they discover new colours and ways to make marks on paper is the best part of this job, and it’s why I promote a discovery learning environment in the art room. The learning means so much more when the children can experiment and discover it for themselves.



We also read “Mouse Shapes” by Ellen Stoll Walsh and several of the children enjoyed creating pictures using paper shapes they cut out of coloured paper.

### Mouse Shapes



Ellen Stoll Walsh  
Creator of Mouse Paint and Mouse Count



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## Gardening

5/6 Condon have certain areas around the school that they are responsible for maintaining this year. All four group areas are located on Nettle Street, along the verge and up the hill. This responsibility is good for the students to develop pride in our school and to give them a focus for their learning in Gardening. They are doing a great job, and have completed a variety of tasks, including building a bench seat under a nice shady tree that might be a nice place for parents to wait for the bell at 3pm.



**Limnodynastes dumerilii** or the Eastern Banjo Frog as it is more commonly known is a native frog to our area and is often found in our school gardens, like this one here.





Starts next week!



Whether your child calls it Handball, Downball or 4-Square – it's the game that they all know and love.

Handball, also known as Downball and 4-Square, is every child's favourite sport. The sound of every recess and lunchtime bell signifies another opportunity to compete with friends.

We wanted to give children a chance to prove themselves on the big stage - so we are excited to introduce the Handball Championships.

Register for Handball now through your Parent Portal

For more information visit [www.campaustralia.com.au/handball](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/handball)

## Key Dates

8 - 19  
March

Official Practice in After School Care at *Your OSHC*

22 - 26  
March

Service Championships in After School Care at *Your OSHC*

School  
Holidays

Rocketeers Championships  
\*More information on our website

2  
May

Regional Championships

## A message from your Coordinator

Hi Violet Street. This is the last week before the official handball championships! If your child is interested in being apart of the competition it is important that you register either online or come and see Camp Australia staff before 6pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and a \$5 charge per child will be made to your account. We are looking forward to seeing all the students participate in athletics carnival on Friday.

## It's free to register with Camp Australia

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://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.



## Prizes

Total prize pool of \$12,000 split across all Regional Champions.

Plus, each Your OSHC and Rocketeers Service Champion wins a Trophy!



Visit [www.campaustralia.com.au/handball](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/handball) for more information

 Camp Australia

## Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"  
reads **20 minutes**  
each day

3600 minutes in  
a school year

Student "B"  
reads **5 minutes**  
each day

900 minutes in  
a school year

Student "C"  
reads **1 minute**  
each day

180 minutes in  
a school year

**1,800,000 words**



*90<sup>th</sup> percentile*

**282,000 words**



*50<sup>th</sup> percentile*

**8,000 words**



*10<sup>th</sup> percentile*

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)