



BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 23rd February 2022

Classroom updates:

It was exciting to be able to announce the successful candidates in our student elections. All students are to be commended for their positive 'participate to progress' (as Wilson would say) attitude, as well as congratulating their peers when elected. House captains were also elected last week. They will be busy leading their houses at the *Athletic Sports on Wednesday 16th March*.

Student leadership badges will be awarded **THIS Friday 25th February, 8:50—9:15 am**. Restrictions require the ceremony to be held via Webex. It will be hosted in **Ms Leversha's Webex room**. An invitation has been emailed today to families of our student leaders, to join the Webex too.

Smile Squad visit:

This free dental service has provided an enormous service to our school population. They have extended their visit twice! All applications have now closed. If you missed the deadline and still want to access this service, please call : 1300 503 977

COVID safe reminders:

An update: masks are still required for all students in Grade 3-6 indoors. We continue to limit visitors on-site and ask that parents please do not enter classrooms or corridors. The Admin area can be accessed via the Webster St entrance where we ask that all visitors must provide evidence of vaccination, check in and wear masks too please!

Save the dates:

1. AT THIS STAGE we are awaiting advice! We intend to re-launch the *Father's Project* (a chance for fathers and father figures to connect) on **Wednesday 2nd March at 6-7 pm at school**. We hope to have a BBQ on site at school for fathers, father figures and children (restrictions permitting). *BUT we will seek feedback if the event is to be switched to an on line format (*as opposed to postponing it until Term 2). Please watch your emails—your feedback is appreciated!*

2. Thanks to the people who have responded: Our **school garden Working Bees, will be held the week commencing Tues 1/3 , Wed 2/3 and Thurs 3/3**. All help is greatly appreciated. Please return the slip to your child's teacher if you can help out!

*We are still holding weekly assemblies on Fridays, via Webex. Your child's teacher will email you the Webex room number if you wish to join. The assembly this week is being hosted by **Grade 3&4 Wadley (in Ms Leversha's room)**.

3. Friday 4th March from 2– 3 pm our school will be involved in a Clean Up Australia activity. Each grade group will have an area of the school ground to clean up. All students are encouraged to **BYO gloves** (re-cyclable if possible please!) *clearly named* to school for the activity please.

Mandy Costello, Principal

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**Be Your
Best!**

Sharon Frappell, Business Manager

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Calendar

Term 1, Week 5

Regular Events

Camp Aust OSHC

Every day, Monday to Friday, 3- 6pm

BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS—8am—8:30

Mondays

Library Club

Tuesdays

Library Club

Wednesdays

Brekky Club

Thursdays

Fun Fit Thursdays

Meet at 8am at Garden Gully

Special Events

Friday 25 February

School Leaders presented with their badges at assembly.

Thursday 3 March

School Photo Day

Friday 4 March

Clean Up Australia Day school-wide activity

Monday 7 March

School Council Meeting

Monday 14 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 16 March

Grade F-6 Athletics Day at Flora Hill

Monday 21 March

Pupil Free Day

Friday 8 April

Last day of Term 1—2pm finish.

Shave for a Cure

PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS

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Pre-loved uniforms are available via click and collect.

Please email Louise Rodriquez to find out what is available and organise your order. Thank you!

Louise.Rodriquez@education.vic.gov.au

All donations of pre-loved items welcome!

ROOM 10

Foundation Quarrier



We have all settled beautifully into the routines of school. Each day we read, write and do maths. We love going to P.E., Music and Art. Some days we have picnic lunches , games and yoga, but our favourite day of the week is Friday when we get to see our buddies!





Play-based learning with the Foundation Q and Foundation/One Lowe kids.



“The great thing about children’s play is that it is indisputably an integral part and need for children to grow, develop and explore. All of the community needs to trust that play is necessary for children and needs to be proactive about providing rich play opportunities for them. It will help reduce distress, it is therapeutic, it is fun and it is learning.”

-Kathy Walker, creator of Walker Learning.



Permission to share:



We love to share photos of what your children get up to while they’re here at school, and we’re sure you love to see them! However, if you have not yet signed and returned the ‘Permission to publish to media’ form, sadly we cannot share your child’s photos in the newsletter. If you’d rather we didn’t share your child’s photos, that’s perfectly fine too. Just let us know by returning the form.





The Unhealthy And Unrealistic Pursuit Of Endless Fun And Happiness By Wilson McCaskill

We have been seduced by the idea that having endless fun and being constantly happy is not only desirable, it's attainable.

I worry about the damage this idea is causing and I fear for our children as rapidly increasing numbers of adults become complicit in the countless ways and means used, each and every day, to convince children that if they're not constantly happy and having fun, then something is wrong.

"Have fun," is as frequent a parting salutation as, "See you later" or indeed, "Bye." Nowhere is this more apparent than in primary schools where countless thousands of children slide from the seats of cars to head into classrooms supported by the warm tones of parents entreating them to, "Have fun." This request is reinforced at the end of the day when re-entry into the family car is met with the hopeful question, "Did you have fun?"

There was a time when the expectation was that you would go to school and work hard. Perhaps that expectation was a little harsh and implied that school was a cold and brittle place to which little children went to toil and mine for information as opposed to interactively learn.

Schools today are certainly not cold and harsh. They are warm, welcoming environments to which teachers and students commit much time and effort to reflect the colour, movement and spectacle of learning. Yet, amidst this stimulating environment the requirement for effort and application remain as much a necessity for learning as they have always been.

Would it help to ask children to go to school prepared to have fun but ready to apply themselves even if they don't? I think it would, and I think they should be occasionally reminded that application takes effort and that effort is not always fun.

The pressure to make all learning fun on teachers, sporting coaches, music and dance tutors, indeed anyone who seeks to educate, inform and develop children, is relentless.

Vast volumes of research show that children learn best when they are having fun. I'm sure this current understanding was equally well understood by whomever taught Sir Isaac Newton when he was a boy. However, I doubt if his teacher spent as much time and commitment ensuring it was a constant of little Isaac's learning environment.

Pt. 2 Next Week.

GARDENING NEWS

Our Grades 1 and 2 helped spread the new softfall that has been delivered for our playgrounds. Thank goodness the shade sails kept us out of the sun on those hot days. Great work in difficult conditions everyone!



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Ms Kennedy's grade 3/4 were busy on the hill getting those tricky weeds from in amongst our herb gardens. Ms K did an awesome job of leading by example!

Here is a lovely chocolate zucchini cake recipe to help use those monster zucchini that get huge while you're not looking! I double the mix and it fills a 23cm round cake pan.

Happy cooking and gardening!
Sara

CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI LOAF

90g butter
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
1 cup castor sugar
2 eggs
1 1/4 cups self-raising flour
1/4 cup cocoa
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup milk

1 cup grated zucchini
1/2 cup chopped pecan nuts

ORANGE FROSTING

30g soft butter
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
2 cups icing sugar
2 tablespoons orange juice

Grease a 15cm x 25cm loaf pan, line base with paper; grease paper.

Cream butter, rind and sugar in small bowl with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Transfer to large bowl. Stir in sifted dry ingredients, milk, zucchini and pecans. Spread into prepared pan. Bake in moderate oven for about 45 minutes. Stand 3 minutes before turning on to wire rack to cool. Spread cold cake with frosting.

Orange Frosting: Beat butter and rind in small bowl with wooden spoon until smooth, gradually beat in sifted icing sugar and juice; beat until spreadable.
Keeping time: 2 days.

School Assistants



Library Assistant

Lilly P



Technical Assistant

Rory K



Art Assistants

Jesse K

Luke B

School Leadership

Captains

Olive S-W

Nicholas J



Vice Captains

Scarlet R

Tobi M

SLC Members

Grade 6

Freya W

Charlie A

Grade 5

Ingrid VM

Cooper M

Grade 4

Russell B

Audrey W-W



House Captains



Coliban

Captains:

Madison W

Cooper M

Ironbark

Captains:

Madison B

Connor S

Fortuna

Captains:

Libby A

Charlie A

Goldminers

Captains:

Rory K

Sian D





Koori Leaders

Kurt P

Caitlin T

Leon A



Attendance at school:

Our school day commences at 8:45am daily. Any students arriving at school after the morning bell are required to collect a late pass from the school office. All late arrivals at school are processed as absences. (ie a 9:15 am arrival is processed as a 30 minute absence). All classes meet to discuss activities at 8:45am sharp each day. If your child arrives late, they will miss this important information sharing time. Please support them to be at school, every day, on time!





**Proud sponsors of our Breakfast Club
and Fresh Fruit Friday at BVSPS.**

New patients welcome

<https://www.goldencitymedicalclinic.com.au/>

Ironbark Gully Friends – local Clean Up Australia Day activity:

The Ironbark Gully Friends Landcare Group is having its annual clean up working bee on Sunday 6th march 10 am to 12 noon. They intend to clean up the area along the Long Gully Creek wetlands.

If interested: please check the information at:

<https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/join-a-clean-up>

Register on the day, opposite 1 Rivergum Court North
Bendigo (look for the marquee!).

or RSVP email: ironbarkgully3550@gmail.com





2022 PRIMARY COMP INFORMATION

Season commences Saturday April 2nd

OPEN TO PLAYERS & TEAMS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS

NET SET GO - Prep - Grade 2

GRADE 3 CLINIC

11/UNDER MIXED

13/UNDER FEMALE

*ages @ 31/12/2022

PLAYERS FEES REMAIN THE SAME AS IN 2021

PRIMARY 13/U Female - \$80 PER PLAYER

PRIMARY 11U MIXED - \$50 PER PLAYER

GRADE 3 CLINIC - \$15 PER PLAYER

VNA \$60 per player

**FULL DETAILS & ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE NOW ON OUR
WEBSITE: <http://bitly.ws/ou2z>**

All enquiries to the Secretary 0438 636 464
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